



LIBRARIES COULD GO SELF-SERVICE

By Carl Jackson

LIBRARIES in Cannock and Rugeley could become 'self-service' as Staffordshire County Council looks to cut £1.3 million from the service from next year.

The authority wants to withdraw even more financial backing from libraries, including making reductions to the mobile service of up to £300,000.

It follows the implementation last year of a new 'model' for 23 libraries to be taken over by community groups in order to save £1.7m.

The council is looking to save nearly the same amount again between 2018 and 2021, with changes made to the remaining 20 libraries under its control, including Cannock, Rugeley, Burntwood, Lichfield and Penkridge. The authority has ruled out closures, but could not guarantee jobs would not be lost.

Bosses will consider offloading more libraries to voluntary organisations while one option, saving money on staffed operating hours, will be to introduce a self-service model.

The idea, which has been used in other parts of the country, works by libraries automatically 'powering up' when a registered member over the age of 16, swipes in using an access card.

Consultation

But the venue is only monitored by CCTV and support is offered from a telephone help desk.

The council is in the early stages of working on formal proposals which will be put out to public consultation next year, but stated a self-service library could be staffed between 10am and 5pm and then unmanned outside of that from 8-10am and 5-8pm.

Cannock Chase District Council leader George Adamson said: "I don't think it is a great idea. We were promised Cannock and Rugeley would be fully staffed.

"What happens if there is a health and safety issue or someone is ill and no-one is there? There is also an obvious security issue."

He added: "I volunteer at Hednesford library and they do a great job but they do struggle at times. Ultimately I want to see Cannock and Rugeley stay as they are."

Councillor Gill Heath said: "Over the last three years we have re-shaped the service without closing any of our 43 libraries. We've done that by consulting with library users, staff and the wider public and that successful consultation is our template to talk about what happens next."

RECORD NUMBERS FLOCK TO COUNTRY SHOW



Jenny Morgan, from Gentleshaw Wildlife Centre, with Brook the Harris hawk at the Eccleshall Show

GENTLESHAW Wildlife Centre was among the exhibitors at the 70th Eccleshall Show. More than 5,000 people turned out on Saturday for what is expected to be a record-breaking show.

Early estimates suggest this year's event was the biggest in its history, with more people attending and more money raised for charity than ever before.

Throughout the day, there were 135 competitions, including dog agility, vegetables and

photography. There was a classic motor show featuring around 350 cars and commercial vehicles, together with a huge craft and horticultural tent and more than 60 trade stands.

One of the organisers, Sheila Kettle, said: "There was a big equestrian centre including show jumping, a massive classic car show and the main ring. In the ring we had a full programme of events including dog agility, children's sports, Lichfield flyball dog display team and Dave Ross of Betley Court Gundogs.

"The WI had a great big tent where they were selling tea, coffee, cakes etc. It was so popular they had completely sold out by 4pm. We are absolutely delighted with how it went."

Final takings will be counted shortly, with organisers deciding at an AGM later this year which charities to donate the money to.

Chairman of the show's group, Edward Lambert, said plans were already in place for 2018.

CLOSURE

Established drop-in centre set to shut

A LONG-standing Christian centre in Cheslyn Hay is to close after almost 25 years.

The Cedar Tree will close its drop-in centre in Low Street on September 22, due to 'operational difficulties over which we have no control'.

A spokesman said: "We deeply regret the impact on our many regular customers and friends and would like to thank them for their support."

However, the village will welcome the launch of a coffee shop at the Salem Methodist Church, in High Street on September 25. It will open 10am to 4pm on weekdays.

ROYALTY

Prince launches outdoor academy

HIS Royal Highness The Earl of Wessex will unveil a new national wilderness academy in Staffordshire tomorrow (Friday).

The academy, at Laches Wood Outdoor Centre, Laches Lane, Slade Heath, will offer youngsters a chance to develop and learn survival skills in the heart of the forest.

Prince Edward will unveil a plaque and meet children on the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme.

MEETING

Word is out over talk on dictionary history

THE history of the dictionary is the subject of a talk to the first meeting of the season at Norton Canes Historical Society next week.

Sue Bray, from the Samuel Johnson Birthplace Museum in Lichfield, will address the meeting at Norton Canes Library, Burntwood Road, next Tuesday at 7pm.

Admission is free and the meeting is open to non-members.

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Hurry to village history display



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T-Rex tribute Get It On at theatre



T.Rextasy lead singer Daniel Z

TRIBUTE band T.Rextasy are marking 40 years since the death of flamoyant 70s icon Marc Bolan with a tour that takes in Cannock next month.

Bolan, frontman of chart-topping T-Rex, died in September 1977 at the age of 29.

Tribute band T.Rextasy have been performing for 25 years, and, in 2017, the band returns to venues across the UK, taking audiences back to the decade of glam rock and platform shoes, for the Marc Bolan 40th commemorative anniversary tour. They perform at Cannock's Prince of Wales Centre on

October 22. Bolan was one of the most charismatic stars of the original glam rock era, with a catalogue of hits including Ride A White Swan, Get It On!, Metal Guru, Telegram Sam, Jeepster, I Love to Boogie, Children of the Revolution, 20th Century Boy and Hot Love.

T.Rextasy, comprising Danielz on vocals and lead guitar, Neil Cross on rhythm guitars and backing vocals, Rob Butterfield on bass and backing vocals and drummer John Skelton, have been accepted as the world's only official live tribute band dedicated to Marc Bolan & T.Rex, and the only band endorsed

and approved by Bolan's family, estate, original ex-T.Rex members and Bolan's catalogue management.

Julie Sweeney, co-founder of Sweeney Entertainments, said: "T.Rextasy is a rock 'n' roll show with a generous mix of the popular hits, a 15 minute acoustic slot, B-sides and album tracks - this is two hours of amazing completely live glam rock!"

The concert is at the Church Street venue from 8pm, with tickets at £21.50, available from the box office on 01543 578762. Or book online at <http://www.princeofwales.live/>

Motorists filled with joy as potholes fixed

DRIVERS around Cannock Chase are rejoicing as a pothole-plagued roundabout has finally been resurfaced.

Five Ways Island in Heath Hayes got so bad that nearly 40 reports of potholes had been made to Staffordshire County Council, which is responsible for roads across the county.

But after two weeks of work and a £220,000 investment, the roundabout has been given a facelift and is now pothole free.

Heath Hayes councillor Colin Lea said: "It is miles better now, there is a vast improvement in my opinion. I do not know what the feedback is from other people but it was work that needed doing."

"The only thing now is how long will it be before lorries rip it up again?"

Disruption

"It is a heavy traffic area. Let's hope it will do a little bit better now the work is done. It has been long overdue."

"It would have caused a fair amount of disruption for drivers while work was going on because of the amount of traffic that normally goes through."

"But at the end of the day we have got to have the disruption in order to do the work."

"I wish there was a way of doing the work without the disruption but no one has found a solution to that yet."

Potholes have been a long-running issue for people in Cannock Chase, with deputy leader of the district council Gordon Alcott previously claiming there was a pothole 'on every road on Cannock Chase'.

Councillor Lea said: "It is a problem all over Cannock Chase and not just in Heath Hayes. There was Hill-



How the island looks now that the work has been done and, inset, when it was riddled with potholes

top at Hednesford that they have just done but apparently there is water leak now. Then there is Belt Road in Hednesford as well, that has spent more time this year up than it has down.

"I think the county council want to get their act together with some of the utility companies to stop the roads constantly being dug up."

Staffordshire County Council

began work at Five Ways on August 14, with the main resurfacing work being done over six nights to minimise disruption.

Work includes improving the road surface and replacing kerbs. It forms part of a £35million investment in road and transport schemes in the county, to improve road safety and give families better access to cycle routes and train stations.

Staffordshire County Council's support member for highways Helen Fisher said: "Engineers worked through the night to ensure the resurfacing was completed with the minimum of disruption."

"The result is new kerbs and iron-works and, most importantly, a much smoother road surface that will benefit the thousands of motorists who use this junction every day."

Consultation as link road scheme to be unveiled

HIGHWAYS chiefs have confirmed plans to create a link road between the M54, M6 and M6 Toll will be revealed later this month.

Three options were put out for consultation in 2014. Two involved creating link roads through Featherstone, and a third would mean substantial changes to junctions 10a and 11 of the M6.

Highways England project manager Andrew Kelly said: "Feedback from our initial consultation told us further assessment work was needed to meet the needs of our customers."

"We have now identified three modified options and we will unveil these options at a month-long consultation that starts on September 15 and runs until October 13."

"It's really important people have their say to help us understand what is important to communities and all of our customers, whether they are a resident, driver, cyclist or walker."

South Staffordshire district councillor David Clift has claimed the new options would turn junction 10a into the 'biggest and busiest' in the country. But Highways England has refused to comment on the specific proposals until the start of the consultation.



David Clift

'Power' funding deadline looms

A FUNDING boost is being made available for community groups who are looking to improve safety in their area.

Grants of £100 to £3,000 are being offered by Staffordshire's Police & Crime Commissioner Matthew Ellis from his People Power Fund.

A total of £300,000 made up of money seized from criminals is up for grabs for groups with ideas on how to reduce anti-social behaviour.

In the last two years more than 330 local projects across Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent have received People Power Funding.

Mr Ellis said: "It's about local ideas to sort out local issues. If you've got a good idea, the People Power Fund may be able to help you achieve it."

To apply for the latest round of funding, visit www.staffordshire-pec.gov.uk/fund before the deadline of next Thursday, September 14.

Bound for Bewdley

CHASE Ramblers' outing this Sunday is an eight-mile easy walk from Bewdley. The meeting point as usual is Hednesford railway station car park, in Anglesey Street, for a 9am prompt departure. For further details contact Paul on 01922 414158. New walkers welcome.

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Seventeen appear in court over drug case

THIRTEEN men and four women charged with conspiring to supply class-A drugs in south Staffordshire have appeared at Cannock Magistrates Court.

The group, from across south Staffordshire and the West Midlands, are charged with conspiring to supply cocaine in south Staffordshire between January 1, 2013 and January 1, 2015. The case will be heard at Stafford Crown Court on September 22.

The men and women who have been charged are Abdul Saeed, aged 37, of no fixed address; Mohammed Saeed, 42, of Summerfield Road, Shabaz Saeed, 45, of Napier Road, and Stephen Coldrick, 61, of Evans Street, all Wolverhampton; Sonny Barham, 28, of Weston Drive, Walsall;

Sandy McInnes, 32, of Acorn Close, Richard Smallman, 30, of Beau Court, Hednesford Road, Martin Lloyd, 26, of Central Avenue, all Cannock;

Benjamin Brown, 33, of Wolverhampton Road, Craig Hartshorne, 30, of Newhall Gardens, Cannock Road, Emily Adams, 25, of Cannock Road, Charlotte Adams, aged 28, of Bath Road, Tina Hall-McInnes, aged 35, of Brooklands Road, Shane Girvan, 31, of Rigby Drive, Cannock, and Robert Jones, 25, of Buttermere Close, all Cannock;

Nathan Davis, aged 27, of Bradbury Lane, Hednesford; and Kylie McGowan, aged 32, of no fixed address.

First-time visitor's vision of planet

CANNOCK Photographic Society starts its new season of meetings today (Thursday) with a talk on The Pale Blue Dot.

The speaker, Andrew Lound, a favourite of the club, will consider how Earth would appear to a first-time explorer from a distant world.

"Andrew will take us on a voyage of discovery of the third planet from the sun, a pale blue dot known as Earth," press secretary Neil McGuff said.

To celebrate its 60th annual exhibition, the group has moved to Norton Canes Community Centre.

It also has a new logo, an updated website and a new chairman, Paul Reynolds.

For more information about the club visit www.cannockps.co.uk

Plumbers on move

A PLUMBING merchant in Cannock has moved to larger premises. MPH Plumbing, formerly H&S Spares, acquired the business in 2015. The business, in Hednesford Road, also has branches in Halesowen and Telford.

Canal Boat Crew set sail for pub shows



Smiles all around for last year's crew

A GROUP of musicians are making their way around the canals in a hire boat to perform in different pubs around the West Midlands region.

Throughout September, they will be visiting 14 pubs to perform acoustic sessions, with audiences welcome to just watch and enjoy or join in by playing an instrument or singing.

They will start at the Round Oak Inn in Wombourne on September 16 then play on the consecutive days at the Lock Inn at Wolverley, Wharf Inn at Fleet, Anchor Inn at Worcester, Bird in the Hand at Stourport, and

Navigation Inn at Greensforge, ending at Swan in Compton to finish the first week.

For the second week, they will be at Cross Keys in Penkridge on September 23, Clifford Arms at Great Haywood, Swan Inn at Fradley Junction, Red Lion at Hopwas, Plum Pudding in Armitage, Radford Bank Inn at Stafford before arriving at the Fox & Anchor in Wolverhampton on September 29.

The group, called Canal Boat Crew, are made up of eight musicians and singers who sign up for the trip and

could be complete strangers until they set off down the canals together. It is free of charge for anyone who wants to join in. Each event starts at 8.30pm.

Neil Cardwell, aged 60, from Sheffield, organises the ventures and started the trips a few years ago.

He said: "I've done these trips for quite a while but I generally do them in different parts of the country."

"It gets a great response from local people, we get a good crowd and we play music and sing songs, have a generally good time and tell a few jokes."

HS2 to hold up power station redevelopment

COUNCIL bosses have revealed proposed work on the HS2 rail link will delay a 'vital' redevelopment of the former Rugeley Power Station.

Part of the site, which closed with the loss of around 120 jobs in June 2016, will be used during construction of the second phase of the high-speed rail line – pushing back the building of hundreds of homes and business units.

Lichfield District Council is spending up £44,000 on a Parliamentary Agent to 'petition' for changes to the Phase 2 Hybrid Bill as it passes through government.

A district council report states the power station redevelopment could be 'undeliverable' by 2029 if HS2 uses the site.

Council leader Mike Wilcox said: "The redevelopment of Rugeley Power Station is absolutely vital. It is a key site to ourselves and Cannock and we want to work with them to bring it forward as soon as possible."

Delay

"Now it looks like HS2 wants to take part of the site for the construction, which could delay things. It will be one of the issues we are taking up with our Parliamentary Agent."

"HS2 will bring no benefits to the district whatsoever, just years of disruption. It will just bring more harm and traffic issues around places like Fradley, Armitage and Handsacre."

"We have already achieved some concessions and we will continue to fight for them during the second phase," he added.

George Adamson, leader of Cannock Chase District Council, which is responsible for around half of the power station site, said: "The Government has said HS2 is taking priority over everything. It could delay the power station development by a very, very long time."

"It is extremely disappointing. We wanted it redeveloped as quickly as possible and see new houses and new jobs created."

He added: "HS2 will create benefits for us in terms of connecting the Midlands to the south in the long term – but in the medium term it is going to cause us some problems."



Parents Kerry and Ivan Mornington with Midland Expressway workers at the memorial garden, and, inset: Violet Mornington

£10,000 towards memorial play area

A COUPLE who poured their grief over the death of their daughter into creating a memorial garden for parents going through the same ordeal have been given £10,000 by the operators of the M6 Toll.

Violet Mornington died on July 21, 2013, seven weeks after falling ill on her fifth birthday with suspected tonsillitis. After tests, specialists diagnosed Hemophagocytic Lymphohistiocytosis, which leads to white blood cells attacking the body.

Parents Kerry and Ivan Mornington set up the Violets in Bloom charity and raised more than £75,000 to create a unique memorial garden at Lichfield and District Crematorium in Fradley. Midland Expressway donated £10,000 towards a play area within the garden.

More than 100 friends and family members turned up to see singer Tony Hadley open the garden.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Group wins Run Together award

PENKRIDGE Runners has been awarded the title of Best Run Together running group in the West Midlands for 2017.

The award, selected by England Athletics, recognises a group from their Run Together programme that has excelled. The Penkridge group was started three years ago by Martin Leek, aged 56, and caters for runners of all abilities. The group meets on Saturdays from 9.15am to 10.45am at Penkridge Middle School.

Sessions are for people of all abilities and are designed for general fitness and weight loss, as well as building up endurance and speed.

A new face at air conditioning firm

AIR conditioning installer Coolair Equipment has appointed a new senior sales and project engineer.

Mark Higgins, who will be based in Cannock, has 20 years of project management experience in the building services industry. He was previously at a Sutton Coldfield firm where he managed projects including Amazon's centre in Rugeley.

He began as an apprentice installation engineer at a Stourbridge air conditioning firm and gained his Level 3 NVQ qualification in refrigeration and air conditioning at Solihull College.

Free cuppa and cake at centre

A SHOPPING centre and its newest tenant are offering free tea and cake.

Cannock Shopping Centre has teamed up with Broome Meadow Bakes to offer shoppers a free cuppa and a slice every Tuesday, 2pm to 3pm, in September.

Centre manager Susi McCarthy will be acting as 'tea lady', taking orders from customers.

She said: "We are really looking forward to Tea at 2. It also means I get to hear thoughts straight from our shopping community. We know you can't go wrong with free tea and cake."

Car dealership applies for illuminated signs

A CAR dealership in Burntwood is asking Lichfield District Council for permission to install new signs.

Acorn Kia has submitted a planning application for the erection of two illuminated signs – one Ford sign and one Kia sign – at its site in Cannock Road, Chase Terrace.

Anyone wishing to comment on the scheme must do so by September 19. Contact the development services department via www.lichfielddc.gov.uk

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COUNTY NEWS

£7.3bn cost if you stick with Big Six

UK households have forked out an extra £7.3 billion over the last five years by remaining customers of the Big Six energy firms, a new report shows.

Ofgem data compiled by energy provider Bulb found that families who held accounts with the biggest firms – including British Gas, SSE, E.ON, Npower, EDF and Scottish Power – for at least five years paid out an average £853 more than they needed to over the period.

The report explained that while Big Six firms tend to offer cheaper fixed tariffs in order to “entice” new customers, those tariffs tend to expire within one to two years.

Feeling the heat at chilli festival

THE Birmingham Chilli Festival is back, at Brindleyplace on September 16. There will be the annual chilli themed market along with nerve-racking challenges, physical activities and of course, plenty of spice.

This year, the festival will be raising the stakes with a 100ft forward-facing abseil from number 4 Brindleyplace to raise funds for one of their 2017 charity partners, Birmingham Children's Hospital Charity.

The festival will take place between 11am and 7pm in Central Square. To find out more visit www.brindleyplace.com

Warning to car trip dog owners

MORE than half of dog owners in the West Midlands could be breaking the law while driving with their pet.

A total of 53 per cent of dog owners in the region are unaware that their pet should be restrained.

The figures have been released as part of a campaign by the Dogs Trust called The Houndway Code. The results show that 44 per cent of owners do not restrain their dogs with a harness and a quarter admitted to finding them a distraction.

Comic O'Grady is top of pooch list

COMEDIAN Paul O'Grady has been voted the West Midlands' favourite dog-loving celebrity.

The presenter of Blind Date came ahead of Tom Hardy and The Queen in the survey run by DogBuddy.com.

He said: “I am really flattered when up against such tough competition. I used to take my dog Buster to the pub all the time as he was handy for getting me home at closing time!”

Pub drinkers boost chain's performance

DRINKERS who made the most of the summer's heatwaves helped a pub chain to strong sales despite its parent company struggling.

Like-for-like sales at the Restaurant Group, which owns the Brunning & Price pub chain and restaurant chains – including Frankie & Benny's – fell 2.2 per cent in the six months to July 2, with total sales dropping over seven per cent to £333.1 million. The firm,

which is also behind Garfunkel's and Chiquito, saw adjusted pre-tax profit plummet 30.4 per cent to £25.5m.

But the group said its pubs arm, which includes the likes of The Inn at Shipley, between Wolverhampton and Bridgnorth; The Oakley Arms, Brewood; and The Red Lion, Longdon Green, near Rugeley, which are part of Brunning & Price, performed well during the period. That was partly

because of good weather in the early part of the summer, which tempted drinkers into pubs and helped soften the effect of falling sales at its restaurant chains.

But the group also said customer ratings had reached an all-time high after improvement efforts, while events such as beer and gin festivals helped sales. It is now set to increase the rate of pub openings. Chief executive Andy McCue has been closing under-performing restaurants and rejigging menus as he looks to rejuvenate the overall group.

He said: “We have made good progress against our strategic initiatives outlined in March. Our leisure customers are enjoying a better value, higher quality product, our growth plans for our pubs and concessions businesses are advancing well.”

Church is damaged as the heavens open

By Simon Stone

A CANNOCK church had to reorganise its services and community activities after water poured into the building during heavy rain.

St Stephen's Church in Bideford Way was in the middle of having its flat roofing replaced when an overnight rain storm dumped several thousand litres of water through the part finished work.

The water went through the ceiling below, out the room and into the corridors and foyer, soaking and damaging the carpet, floor tiles and electrics, all of which need drying out or replacing.

Until everything is back to normal, morning services are being held at Mill Street Methodist Church at 11am and evening services at Bethel Methodist Church in Bridgtown at 6pm. All the other organisations and church groups are relocating to temporary accommodation for a few weeks.

Tiles

“Unfortunately, this meant the popular mini market, normally held on the second Saturday of the month, will not be held in September,” church steward Eric Brooks said. “Fortunately, the considerable water damage was from fresh, clean rainwater, so there is no contamination from the flooding.”

“Some people may be concerned about the fact the vinyl floor tiles lifted by the water are dangerous, as 50 years ago when the church was built, small quantities of asbestos were used in the manufacture of vinyl floor tiles. However, the asbestos is locked within the tiles and can only be dangerous if the tiles are broken up, smashed or powdered.”

“The tiles at St Stephen's are not broken up and will be removed by specialists and replaced as part of the general clean-up process.”

£7.5m invested in young talent at JCB



Some of JCB's Cab Systems apprentices – the company is investing to help meet future growth

JCB has recruited almost 170 apprentices and graduates as it ploughs £7.5 million into recruiting young people.

The company is investing the cash to help meet future growth – triple the amount put in the Young Talent scheme when it started four years ago.

Of the 168 people who are joining JCB, a total of 117 are apprentices – the biggest ever single intake of apprentices in the 71-year history of the firm.

A number will be higher apprentices who will go on to take degrees. The apprentices started work last week.

It brings to £20m the amount the company has invested in its Young Talent programme over the past four years – an initiative which has seen around 550 graduates and engineers join the business.

The news comes as JCB prepares to open up applica-

tions for its 2018 programme on October 2 when information will be available via the website www.jcb.co.uk

Oliver Richards, 17, from Etchinghill, Rugeley, said: “I left school last year and have been involved in various work experiences and working part-time in a supermarket just to earn some money.”

“But I wanted to follow my brother Curtis-Rhys who works for JCB so applied to be an apprentice. I am now enrolled onto a fabrication and welding apprenticeship at JCB Backhoe Loader.”

JCB chairman Lord Bamford started his career as an engineering apprentice in 1962 before joining JCB in 1964. He said: “Young people are the future of our company and investing in young talent is vital as the company expands.”

Weight loss expert says aim high to reach target

A WEIGHT-loss expert is encouraging slimmers to aim high when striving for their ideal size.

A Slimming World study found that people who set ambitious targets lose almost twice as much weight in 12 months. Nathalie Rogue, a consultant for Rugeley's Saturday morning classes, says the latest research shows that people in Rugeley shouldn't feel limited by past weight loss attempts.

Instead, they should aim high to reach the weight they would love to be, and get the support they need to achieve it.

The national study of 24,457 people with a BMI in the obese category found that the more ambitious the target, the more weight people lose – regardless of their starting weight.

In Rugeley and surrounding Cannock Chase area, around 30 per cent of adults are overweight and, nationwide, millions are expected to set themselves the target of losing weight in time for Christmas.

Nathalie, who joined Slimming World in 2015 and lost 2st 7lbs, said: “It's my dream to see my members achieve their dreams. No dream is out of reach at Slimming World, whether it's to lose ten pounds or ten stone, fit into a size 12 dress or a suit you've grown out of, run around with the kids or run a 10k race.”

“However much you'd love to lose, we know how much more motivating it is when you're aiming for a weight you dream to be rather than a weight you're told you should be or think is easily achievable.”

Nathalie's Saturday classes are at Mansefield House, Market Street, at 8.30 and 10.30am. Call 07939 517909.

Village heritage trail's extension

AN extension to a heritage trail in Bridgtown is being unveiled next week.

An information board is being erected and will be officially unveiled on Wednesday at 10am at an open meeting arranged by Bridgtown and District Local History Society.

It will be unveiled by Peggy Greenway and Tony Pearson between North Street at Watling Street, known locally as Wynn's Corner. Refreshments at the Bethel Chapel, Union Street, will follow. Past and present villagers and former employees of E W Wynn are particularly welcome.

At the society's regular monthly meeting on September 20, from 10am at the Bethel Chapel, John Devey will present a preview of the annual publication, to be published in October.

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Hospitals' wi-fi just what doctor ordered

A FREE wi-fi service is now available for patients and visitors at hospitals in Cannock and Wolverhampton.

The wireless internet service is designed to enable patients to stay in touch with family and friends during their time in hospital.

Those using smartphones, laptops and tablets will be able to detect the free wi-fi through their electronic device and connect to the internet.

Phase one of the launch has focused on patient and public areas within the New Cross Hospital site, and on renal units and the rheumatology and oncology day case facility at Cannock Chase Hospital. The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust has also partnered with Wolverhampton Clinical Commissioning Group to expand the access to 41 GP practices in the city.

Nick Bruce, head of information technology and patient access services at the trust, said: "This investment in free wireless internet access demonstrates the trust's commitment to technology innovation, to continue providing our patients and visitors with an enhanced experience that they would expect in today's modernised healthcare settings.

"The importance of our patients remaining connected to their loved ones, social networks and entertainment should not be underestimated. This can have some real positive influence towards overall well-being."

Ball to help meet the cost of cruise

A CHARITY is holding a fundraising ball in Rugeley to raise money for its adult day services.

Rockspur Ltd provides a service for adults with learning difficulties, offering members the opportunity to go on day trips and holidays.

The black-tie event is at Hawkesyard Hall on October 13.

Tickets cost £45 including a sit-down meal, DJ and other entertainment. Sponsoring a table costs £50.

The charity is hoping to raise money to pay for staff to accompany the group on a Mediterranean cruise next year.

Community facilitator Ruth Lycett said: "A lot of people haven't got family or the support needed to go on holiday." Call 01902 844925 for tickets.

Phil tribute show

A BAND specialising in a tribute to drummer and singer Phil Collins are to bring their 10th anniversary tour show to Cannock's Prince of Wales Theatre. And Finally . . . Phil Collins will be at the venue on September 16.

Military Wives in festive return to city



Members of the Military Wives Choirs

SINGERS with the Military Wives Choirs will return to Lichfield Cathedral as part of their 2017 Home For Christmas Tour.

The choirs, all made up of wives and partners of Armed Forces personnel as well as women from the wider military community, will perform in the city on Saturday, November 25 as part of a 12-date tour celebrating the festive season.

Tickets for the Home For Christmas Tour are priced from £27.50.

They go on sale tomorrow (Friday) and are available by visiting www.ticketmaster.co.uk or going to the www.militarywiveschoirs.com website.

The singers performed in the city last year as part of their first Home For Christmas Tour.

The event will feature festive favourites as well as songs from the Military Wives Choirs' own album Home for Christmas which will be available to buy.

Julia Hudson, music and performance manager for the Military Wives Choirs, said: "For many ladies, the choir is more than just a chance to sing; it acts as a constant in amongst

the unpredictability of life in the Forces.

"Our ethos is 'sing, share, support', and members often see their choir as a second family that they can depend on, especially at Christmas time.

"This tour celebrates the Military Wives Choirs family, bringing ladies from across many different choirs together at this special time of year to stand stronger together. We would encourage everyone to come and show their support for women in the military community this Christmas for a very special evening."

Freedom award as RAF homes in on centenary

A BRANCH of the Royal Air Force Association (RAFA) is set to be given freedom to parade around their community.

The Cannock Chase (573) Branch, formed in 1946, will be honoured with a freedom award from Cannock Chase Council as the authority marks next year's RAF centenary.

The move will make it only the second association to be given such an honour.

Freedom of Entry is an ancient honour granted to martial units that have offered up their services and earned the trust of their community over a period of time. Council leader George Adamson said: "With the centenary of the end of the First World War almost upon us, it has never been more important to show our respect and gratitude to serving soldiers and veterans of our Armed Forces.

"The freedom honour and parade through the town will be a wonderful opportunity for everyone in the district to show their support for serving soldiers and veterans, who will be marching side by side.

Proud

"The council will be bestowing the freedom honour on the Cannock Chase (573) Branch, but the honour will truly be ours."

Branch chairman and councillor Brian Gamble said: "We are humbled, yet proud, that the work of the branch over the past 71 years and, more importantly, the contribution the RAF has made to the nation, is being marked in this way. Full details of a ceremony to celebrate this honour have not been finalised, but are expected to be announced in September."

The Cannock Chase (573) RAFA Branch was formed on August 12, 1946 and held its inaugural meeting on September 11 that year in the offices of the district council's education department.

It was formed, in the aftermath of the Second World War, to provide help, support and friendship to the RAF family in times of need.

Freedom of Entry would cover serving members of the RAF and RAF veterans as well as members of the Royal Air Force Association.

The RAF celebrates its centenary on April 1.

Let's hang on to musical memories



The sounds of Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons are recreated by a 'phenomenal cast and live band'

STEP back in time, to the era of romance, when a tribute to Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons comes to Cannock.

During the 60s and 70s, number one hits such as Sherry, December 1963 (Oh What a Night), Walk Like a Man, Rag Doll and Big Girls Don't Cry helped propel the outfit to superstardom.

Now, this internationally acclaimed show revives the sublime harmonies of New Jersey's finest.

'Big Girls Don't Cry - Celebrating the Music of Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons' will be coming to the Prince of Wales Centre, Church Street, on Saturday, October 21.

"Come and experience the iconic sounds of Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons authentically recreated by a phenomenal cast and live band," a spokesman for the show said.

"After selling an incredible 100

million records worldwide, there's a Four Seasons song that shares a special place in everyone's heart."

The concert showcases frontman Valli's incredible falsettos, and features his solo hits like Grease, Let's Hang On, Working My Way Back to You, Beggin', I've Got You Under My Skin, and Who Loves You.

Tickets are available by calling 01543 578762 or visiting www.princeofwales.live

NEWS IN BRIEF

Time running out for bus comments

A CONSULTATION on plans to scrap subsidies for bus journeys in Staffordshire is approaching the cut-off mark for the public to comment.

Staffordshire County Council is considering cutting the funding for a number of routes as it can no longer afford to continue supporting some services, which it states cost as much as £10 per passenger journey.

They range from ending funding for Dial-A-Ride services and maintaining the greatest number of bus routes, to continuing to provide a county-wide network of Dial-A-Ride services, but no subsidies for any bus journeys. The consultation ends September 17.

The Gentleman at tasting session

THE Gentleman is heading to Penkridge for an evening of gin tasting.

For one night only, on Friday, September 22, from 7-9pm, the Peace Memorial Hall, Pinfold Lane, will play host to 'gin raconteur' Carl Hawkins.

The ticket-only event for over-25s is being organised by the Wolesley Wine Loft, near Wolsley Bridge, which itself stocks an extensive selection of artisan gins. Wolesley Wine Loft owner Brenda Rhodes said: "Gin has exploded in popularity."

Tickets are available via Eventbrite or info@wolsleywineloft.co.uk

Delays caused by temporary lights

DRIVERS in Cannock are warned to expect delays for the next week as temporary traffic lights are in place on a main route.

The temporary signals will be in place on the B4154 Hednesford Road, which runs through Heath Hayes, until September 15.

South Staffordshire Water needs the signals in place while it carries out work to lay a new water service pipe.

It is yet more misery for drivers in Heath Hayes, who have only just seen two weeks of work on the busy Five Ways Island roundabout conclude.

Stallholders wanted for autumn craft fair

AN autumn craft fair will be held at St Peter's Church, Hednesford, on Saturday, October 28.

Anyone interested in having a stall at the event, which runs from 10am to 1pm, can contact Vivienne on 01543 422653. Stalls can be booked for £7.50 each, with all proceeds going to help pay for the running costs of the church, in Church Hill.

Meanwhile, the next Cafe Church at St Peter's is this Sunday, at 6pm.

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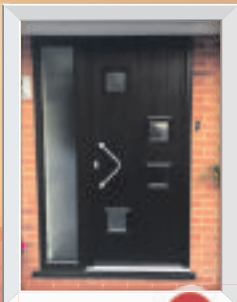
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IN MY VIEW

with Mark Andrews



Excellent strategy to avoid core problems

GREAT news. Thanks to the excellent policies of local government, the Black Country's main town centres are doing exceptionally well. This is in no small part down to the excellent Black Country Core Strategy drawn up in 2011.

That's exactly what I thought when I walked through Dudley over the weekend, and surveyed the vast array of huge, glossy stores which have flocked to the town over the past six years. All those exciting payday lenders and charity shops.

We know our towns are thriving, because it says so in the consultation document for the Black Country Core Strategy. Yep, it's now time for the great and the good to ask for our vote of confidence, so they can give us more of the same.

Actually, it didn't say Dudley was thriving. Because if you read the fine print of the document – and the councils behind it know that most of us won't – the authors came up with a rather novel way of dealing with Dudley's decline. By redefining a town centre.

Of course, they redefined the Black Country years ago. And while I doubt whether many people feel any great affinity with a Black Country defined by 1970s local authority boundaries, at least we know what they mean.

However, the way that they redefined the term "town centre" is really quite special. Shortly before the publication of their vision, the signs for Brierley Hill town centre were quietly moved. Not just a few yards, but nearly a mile, so they are around the perimeter of the Merry Hill centre. The plan then redefined Merry Hill as being one of the "four strategic town centres for the Black Country", and quietly erased Dudley from the map. And that is the basis of the claim that our "main town centres" are thriving.

If you do want to have your say, consultation closes on Friday, although local councils also have their own definition of "consultation": "The exercise of telling people what they should be thinking, and then setting up a mechanism where only those who support it will reply."

Helpfully, they have decided to cut through the gobbledegook by providing a rather patronising questionnaire for "non-experts", which is filled with platitudes and loaded questions like: "Do you think people's health and wellbeing should be a key issue?" Dunno, can I have a few extra days to think about it?

It also asks: "Should we focus the growth of shopping, leisure and commercial development into our main town centres?" Depends how you define a town centre, doesn't it?

Ed and Geoff pitch in with colourful standpoints



Tom Burke – A number of issues with his role in the latest thriller from the Beeb



Hellboy and back – Ed Skrein, who found things were not all white in the latest superhero reboot



Geoffrey Boycott – did he get caught out making an off-colour comment?

Taking Strike at new TV thriller's realism

DRIVERLESS Lorries to Hit British Roads (headline this week). Precisely. And what else will they hit?

I WAS tempted by one of the ice-cream sweets on offer at a restaurant because it was "garnished with a malted ball." A malted ball? What exotic, sophisticated and perfectly crafted amuse-bouche might this be? Turned out to be a Malteser.

TWO questions hang over the Beeb's latest private-eye drama, Strike. Firstly, would it ever have made it into production if the "Robert Galbraith" who wrote the original novels had not been revealed as one J K Rowling? I doubt it. Secondly, why on earth is everyone so keen to chat to the private detective, Cormoran Strike? Why would the investigating police officer even deign to meet Strike? Why would the murdered woman's driver blab? Why would the concierge at her flat take Strike on a guided tour of the exclusive apartments, including the residents' swimming pool – surely a sacking offence? Take it from me, as one who spent a career trying to get people to talk about awkward issues, it is never that easy.

I SUGGESTED that new laws are needed to make pedestrians behave safely. It turns out to be an ancient argument. Back in 1942, the Autocar Handbook commented on "jay walking" laws in force in parts of Europe. But in Britain "much opposition has come from those who hold the ancient rights of the walker to be inviolable." Nothing has changed. In the name of

THE BEST OF PETER RHODES



our ancient liberties we are free to walk – and free to die.

SOME scientists believe dementia could be avoided by adding lithium to our tap water. So let me be the first to alert you to the Great Lithium Conspiracy. It is, of course, a wicked plan concocted by the Illuminati, the shadowy figures who really control this planet, to introduce a sinister chemical into our water to take us over by controlling our minds and polluting our precious bodily fluids. It is part of their Master Plan which also involved kidnapping Elvis, assassinating John Lennon, faking the moon landings and murdering Princess Di (because she knew about the lithium). Do not touch a drop of lithiumised water without first wrapping your head in aluminium foil. Pass it on before they get you, too.

I ADMIT that until this week I had never heard of Ed Skrein. I admit, too, that I had to read reports of his "whitewash" campaign several times before understanding what he was banging on about. In a nutshell, Mr Skrein, an actor, was expected to play Major Ben Daimo in a new film, Hellboy: Rise of the Blood Queen. Then he discovered that in the original Hellboy comics, Daimo (an entirely fictitious character) was of

mixed-Asian heritage. After some protests from Asian activists, Skrein turned down the job, declaring: "I must do what I feel is right." For doing so, Skrein is a right-on hero. The Guardian hails his "inspiring protest against the invisibility of Asian people in the media." But the contradictions are endless. How, for example, does Skrein's decision fit in with the modern and thoroughly enlightened trend for colour-blind casting? If we can't have a white Major Daimo, how can we even discuss Idris Elba becoming the first black James Bond? As for the alleged "invisibility of Asian people in the media," what about Bollywood and martial-arts movies which are full of Indian and Chinese stars? Would Ed Skrein turn down the part of Hamlet on the grounds that he is not Danish? If not, why not?

IF you need evidence that our civilisation is in decline, look no further than the bank-holiday queues for cut-price Prosecco at some Lidl branches which descended into ugliness when stocks ran out. "My weekend is ruined," howled one hysterical Twitter user facing the unspeakable horror of having to pay £5.79 for a bottle of bubbly instead of the £3.33 offer. Ruination is not what it used to be.

GEOFF Boycott, a 76-year-old Yorkshireman, will keep his cricket commentating job despite his ill judged comment that the only way for him to get a knighthood would be to "black me face". Some accused him of racism for his remark but we should not ignore Boycott's own ethnicity. As 76-year-old Yorkshiremen go, he is a soft old woolly liberal.

TALKING POINT



Time for letting the world see real you

I MET up with a friend recently – one I have known for years and have spent many a pleasant evening over dinner catching up with all her latest family news. I was only too aware of all the problems she had had to face over the past weeks/months but did not feel that I should ask in case it upset her.

So I simply said: "How are things?" To which she replied with a smile on her face, "Just fine thanks" and we moved on. I knew that things were anything but fine but it's amazing how many people spend their lives doing that – painting a smile on their face and pretending everything is all right. And they do say that a problem shared and all that. . .

Maybe sometimes the problems are too personal and too difficult to talk about, and I understand that, but trying to stifle how they feel must surely make it harder to deal with and lead to even more stress.

We are all guilty to a certain extent. How many times at work have people greeted you with a cheery smile and said: "You OK?" for you to reply "Yes thanks". Many times I am sure they really don't want to hear how you actually feel. It is just a greeting not an actual question. Perhaps if you turned round and said: "Well actually I feel sh". they would run a mile. Stress is such a big problem these days and can lead to not eating properly and lack of sleep which add to health worries. In many cases depression is ignored, or seen as a stigma, and so the person is left to deal with it alone.

But these days, with the suicide rate in young people on the rise, there are initiatives that can help. And members of the Royal Family are leading the way.

Prince Harry recently revealed he "shut down all his emotions" for two decades after losing his mother Princess Diana. Harry admitted he sought therapy and took up boxing to combat frustration. Twenty years on and he finally found the strength to open up about the struggles the two brothers faced following their mother's death.

They, along with the Duchess of Cambridge, have teamed up for the Heads Together campaign, which works to dispel the stigma surrounding mental health.

Bringing people together in similar situations to talk about their problems means they do not feel that they have to face them alone. They can learn from people who may have been through similar difficulties how better to cope so that that the smiles people see are not false and they don't feel so alone. Surely it's worth a try.

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Photos galore to help trace family histories

FROM mining displays to 'now and then' photos, an annual history exhibition is back to showcase Cheslyn Hay's past.

People, Places, Maps and Mines will have a display of 9,000 photographs for visitors with an interest in tracing their family tree.

The exhibition is being staged by Cheslyn Hay History Society, which is aiming to help people piece together their family tree and also provide birth and death certificates to help.

Past and present photographs will also be on show and there is a chance to view artefacts which include punishment books from schools and in the 1980s to censuses.

The spotlight will fall on the coal industry with a mining display where children can win a prize.

Guide

Society chairman Malcolm Podmore, aged 65, of Cheslyn Hay, said: "In the past we've had a couple of hundred visitors, it's been very popular."

Society members will be available to guide people through the exhibition, which includes a look back at hurrier girls.

"In the 1800s it was quite normal for children to work down the mines, and there was a section of workers called hurriers," Mr Podmore said.

"They used kids of seven years of age to push the tubs full of coal in and out of the pit. One child would pull at the front and another at the back."

Live music will be played, and there will be refreshments throughout the day. The event takes place on September 30 at Cheslyn Hay Community Centre on Pinfold Lane from 10am to 4pm. Admission is free.



Elyse Barber, aged 12, from Great Wyrley poses as a hurrier girl

Chief praises union boss

THE head of the police officer's union has been praised by the Chief Constable of Staffordshire after announcing he will retire.

Steve White, chairman of the Police Federation of England and Wales, will leave his post on December 31, with elections for his successor expected in November.

Gareth Morgan tweeted: "Wishing Steve well as he moves on from what has been at times a thankless task -

he's led with integrity and tenacity. He navigated politics and personalities, remaining focused on his members."

The federation represents 120,000 rank-and-file police officers. Mr White had been in post for three years.

Announcing his departure, he said: "I have been proud to lead the organisation during a period of significant change but feel it is time for the next stage of our continuing reform to progress under new leadership."



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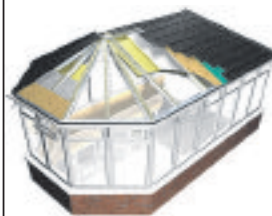
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8 Young need to consider UK's history

I WOULD like to reply to Roger Watts's comments on Brexit ("Stand up to Brexit bullies", Letters, August 31).

Far from being part of a mass of right wingers, I was in my working days a left wing member of the Labour Party for many years.

I voted against remaining in the then Common Market back in the 1970s as the left viewed it as a capitalist plot to strengthen the power of the bankers and to weaken the power of the working classes forever.

To those young people who are worried about the future, I would suggest they have a look at this country's past, we managed without an EU for hundreds of years.

M FAWDREY
Hednesford

Negotiators must focus on UK's needs

LABOUR want us to stay in the single market and the customs union for a period of time after leaving the EU.

That will be impossible as they should know due to what leaving the EU means. Junker and co have already stated we can't have access to these things once we have left.

Plus 52 per cent of voters who democratically voted to leave the European Union want complete independence from everything that it means. Nego-

tiations are to sort out a mutual agreement to maintain business, trade and security between the UK and Europe. That's all we need to work on.

Not finding ways to stay in the membership. Corbyn and his followers need to remind themselves they are part of a democratic country, where they have to respect what the majority of voters ask for in referenda, local and general elections etc.

The rest of us have woken up to just

how important 'national identity' is to us and how we need to protect our borders and our families.

We need to re-establish common sense over weakness and forced tolerance.

The Prime Minister and her team of negotiators must focus on the UK's needs, the amicable friendship between Europe and ourselves.

JOHN BERNARD
Deputy chairman, UKIP Cannock

Help end pensioner poverty

WE'RE told we are baby boomers, when the UK never had a baby boom in the 1950s and 1960s and had the normal 2.4 children.

Then we are told we are living longer and so the pension age has risen to 66 (1950s born), then 67 (1960s born), now 68 (1970s born). Guess what, we aren't.

So for the next general election, when Labour have a turn in government, make pensioner poverty history, so we end up without the award of the highest winter excess deaths in all of Europe, that include more and more under the age of 64.

Revise the Labour manifesto to include £175 per week state pension for all pensioner ages from 60 to 100-plus.

CHRISTINE WILLIAMS
Stafford

World is amazed by our nation's wishes

NEVER in the field of conflict has any country had to absorb the amount of embarrassing situations that the UK is at the moment with the Brexit negotiations.

The rest of the world is watching with absolute amazement and can't believe that a great country like ours could proceed with a quest that's totally unachievable and to proceed with it will cause irreversible damage to our great country. Normally the people who support and drive Brexit are average intelligent people who would put the safety of their families and the country first.

The only conclusion is they have got some sort of viral infection that will clear as more evidence is shown on the suicidal path we are travelling.

PETER TIMLIN
Huntington

Credit for road repairs

REGARDING the recent repair of the Five Ways roundabout ("Pothole hell becomes 'heaven' for drivers", Chronicle, August 31) it is, without doubt, the case that all the credit for this work should go to the Conservative County Councillors representing Cannock Chase and Amanda Milling, Conservative MP for Cannock Chase.

JOHNNY MCMAHON
Conservative County Councillor for the Cannock Villages

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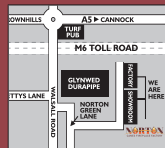
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Support for tighter laws on fracking

Great Wyrley TG

TWENTY members attended the national AGM at Sheffield where two mandates were debated.

The first was to urge the Government to enforce tighter regulations on the fracking industry which was carried, and the second regarding changing British Summer Time which was voted against.

Keynote speaker was Paralympic skier Anna Turney, who gave a stimulating and encouraging talk on her life. The afternoon finished with Peter Slack entertaining the audience with tales of his life as a hill farmer in the Peak District National Park.

At the July meeting Cliff Kirby-Tibbitts gave a talk on the ghostly stories and history of Jabez Cliff & Co of Walsall which was very interesting. A trip to the Welsh Borders was also enjoyed in July.

Conk the Clown came and gave a talk on the History and Origins of Clowning. It was a very interesting talk.

The Guild enjoy a lunch club, bus pass challenge, coffee mornings, a book club and a crown green bowling club.

Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month.

The next meeting is on Tuesday, September 12, at 7.30pm at the Wesley Church, and the talk is entitled Is there a Doctor on Board?

Visitors and new members are always welcome.

Golf day drives Friends' fundraising forward



Trish Mellor, treasurer of Cannock Friends of St Giles, with Cliff Shore, president, of the Rotary Club of Cannock and Harold Bould, immediate past president

CANNOCK Friends of St Giles were delighted to receive a cheque for £1,000 from the Rotary Club of Cannock.

President Cliff Shore made the presentation to Trish Mellor, treasurer of the Friends group. The money was raised at a golf day held earlier in the year.

Trish thanked Cliff, immediate past president Harold Bould and Rotary members for again supporting the Friends.

She told them that the money would be used within the Phoenix Project, a bereavement service for children and young people.

"So many children suffer the loss of a parent, grandparent or sibling and struggle to deal with that loss," she added. "Leading

Cannock Friends of St Giles

a child through grief and bereavement is highly specialised; this is what the Phoenix Project offers.

"It is available to any child or young person within the St Giles catchment area, regardless of how and where that loss occurred - in other words, there does not have to have been a connection with St Giles, the service is open to anyone who needs it."

More information about the hospice can be found at www.stgileshospice.com and about Rotary at www.cannockrotary.co.uk

Women who have the power

VAL Jones, president of SI Cannock & District, welcomed Amanda Milling MP as the club's speaker.

The President's theme for the year is 'Women in Power' and the Cannock Chase MP spoke to the group about women in politics. Soroptimist Trish Mel-

Cannock & District SI

lor gave the vote of thanks, commending Ms Milling for her excellent and tireless work as a constituency MP.

The group presented her with a cheque from the club for a charity close to her

heart - the Hibbs Lupus Trust.

Cannock & District SI helped to clear up the V Festival site at Weston Park. Organised by Rotary International, the collection meant that various items left behind could be sent to good causes.

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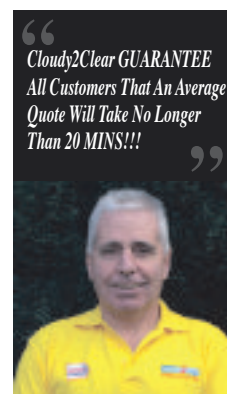
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Saddlers fan's 'ferry blunder' just a prank

It was a laugh-out-loud situation - a West Midlands football fan who thought he bagged a deal on a guest house before an away game on the south coast, but ended up on the Isle of Wight.

Walsall fan Davey Drew shared his nightmare experience following his team on an away trip to Portsmouth on social media.

It was shared on Twitter thousands of times and read by 2.5 million users. The story was also picked up by media around the world.

His ordeal touched the hearts of many travelling football supporters as well as Walsall Football Club, which offered to pay his ferry fare from the island.

Fun

But it has now emerged that the story is not quite what it seems.

"I did the whole thing for a bit of fun," said the supporter, who goes under the account @Daveysaddler after joining Twitter in January.

"I picked up on a story that was doing the rounds, found a perfect archive shot of the ferry ride, knew it was funny, as I was tweeting it I was crying, but never knew it would go so big. Never meant to cause harm, just a fun tweet."

He offered his 398 followers a cryptic clue on the truth of the matter, tweeting: "We laugh at what makes us laugh.....whether it's true or not....we still laugh if it hits that spot."

The story started on August 18, the day before Walsall's game at Portsmouth's Fratton Park. In a tweet, he said he had grabbed 'an absolute



The tweet supposedly showing the crossing



Walsall manager Jon Whitney



'Davey Drew' appears to own up to the hoax in this tweet

bargain', finding the Abingdon Guest House, 11 miles from the city.

Some fans did spot the problem - the guest house was on the Isle of Wight - and tweeted the supporter. But on the day of the game, at midday, he tweeted again, this time a picture of the ferry crossing and a message full of expletives.

The story was immediately picked up by the world's media.

Following Walsall's game, team manager Jon Whitney was asked about the fan's experience.

He said: "We'll pay his fare for him,

we'll help him out." A week later, the supporter said: "A whole football club, players, manager, fans, local media, national media. I'm Davey Drew."

A spokesman for Walsall FC said: "While this story had given everyone at the club a few laughs, we are glad Davey didn't really waste his money by accidentally booking a hotel on the Isle of Wight."

"Thankfully, the Park Inn Hotel in Walsall is right next to the Banks's Stadium should Davey find himself booking a hotel for a home game in the near future."

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Appalled at 'slap on the wrist'

I WAS appalled at the recent court case concerning the care home assistant found guilty of bullying (Chronicle, August 17).

Abuse of sick, elderly and vulnerable people, in any shape or form, is the most despicable thing that anyone can be guilty of, and that young man should think on and remember that chances

are that one day he himself may require care and will no doubt 'expect the best'.

Care of the elderly, can be hard work, requiring dedication, patience and respect.

However, beyond all else, those who require it, are entitled to expect their carers' trust which in this case has yet again been abused.

What I find equally appall-

ing, however, was the the person was released with a pathetic 'slap on the wrist'.

I therefore challenge everyone involved to explain to the general public, the victims and their families, why the punishment for such loathsome behaviour so often fails to fit the crime.

ALLAN KYTE
Great Wyrley

Exports are the only bright spot

I AM totally tired of being called a remoaner by no-brainers-Brexiteers.

How many banking jobs have we already lost to Europe? How many nurses are we short of because of the years of uncertainty?

The referendum has no legal power. It can still be scrapped. Net immigration, Brexiteers' mastercard was down to about 250,000 last year; 173,000 came from outside Europe. Brexit will not make much difference. More border checks, more paperwork, not less. Most EU laws will be transferred to British law.

The only positive from this mess is that exporters are doing well, unfortunately most companies do not export. They are importing more expensive goods.

SYD ELTON
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This argument is typical of much scaremongering

WHAT rubbish! Roger Watts's letter is so typical of the hysterical scaremongering put about by the remainers, or remoaners ("Stand up to Brexit bullies", August 31).

Is he seriously telling young people that they won't be able to live in Copenhagen or study opera, art or fashion living in Milan? I don't know how old he is but I can assure him that Britons have been enjoying travelling to the continent, and yes, even living there if they wished, long before we got mired in the unaccountable EU.

MRS GRANIA SINKE
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Club to stage pop tribute

A TRIBUTE to 1960s British pop group The Casuals takes place next month.

The New Casuals will perform at Rugeley Progressive Working Mens Club on September 29. The original band, famous for the hit single 'Jasmine' in 1968, broke up in 1976.

Tickets are available at the club in Market Street.

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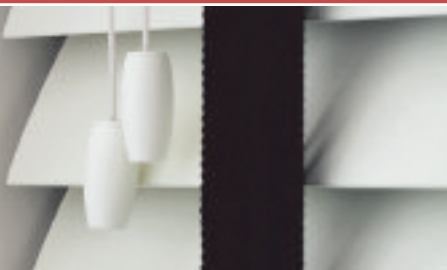
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The distinctive Hawk jet, which is flown by pilots from the Royal Air Force aerobatic team, was spotted being hauled by a lorry along the M6 northbound.

Sedgley resident Jon Round was on his way to his Cannock workplace when he was stunned to see the jet in the nearside lane at about 11.15am.

The 45-year-old commercial director, who was approaching junction 11 at the time, said: "I have been to see them a few times before at air shows but not for a few years."

"It's not that often you drive to work and overtake a Red Arrow."



The jet spotted by motorists on the M6 northbound

Health chiefs warn: Stay away from A&E

PEOPLE are being told to stay away from two A&E departments due to high demand - with fears the situation could 'only get worse'.

University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNH) has asked people to only attend Stafford and Stoke's units with an emergency - such as choking or severe blood loss.

It says its two hospital sites, County Hospital in Stafford and Royal Stoke University Hospital, are 'experiencing the type of demand usually only seen in the middle of winter', meaning staff are 'exceptionally busy' and patients face long waits.

County Hospital already has a downgraded A&E with no children's



Stafford's County Hospital

services and no 24-hour opening. Julian Porter, from the Support Stafford Hospital group, warned the situation would get worse as winter draws near. He said: "They will be short of staff I

think. Stafford has found it difficult to recruit after the downgrade.

"If we are having trouble now what is going to happen when we get to winter? Will we have people in corridors again? It is only going to get worse."

A UHNH statement said: "UHNH is appealing for support from the local community to reduce the extreme pressures on A&E services at County Hospital and Royal Stoke University Hospital. Currently both sites are experiencing the type of demand usually only seen in the middle of winter, so people are experiencing long waits and our staff are exceptionally busy."

"Please only attend A&E for anything classed as an emergency, including choking, chest pain, loss of consciousness, severe blood loss, broken bones, difficulty breathing, deep wounds or suspected stroke."

Entrepreneur tees up deal for mini golf

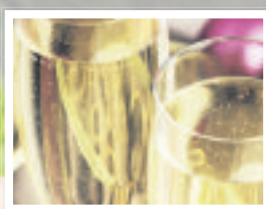
AN indoor golf business at Birmingham's Star City has been bought by Staffordshire businessman Mo Chaudry's Waterworld Leisure Group.

The entrepreneur confirmed his group had acquired Adventure Island Mini Golf, as part of a multi-million pound deal to expand the leisure brand and operation.

Waterworld Group bought it from John Whitehead, who founded the Adventure Mini Golf business nine years ago. It will form the basis of a £20 million investment by Mr Chaudry over the next five years.

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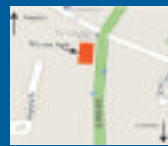
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The scheme at the Kings Bromley club came about after Sport Across Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent invited sports clubs across the county to apply for funding for new This Girl Can projects.

EXPECTANT mothers in Staffordshire are being encouraged to stay healthy, active and upright during pregnancy.

The move follows the Better Births Initiative launched by the Royal College of Midwives (RCM) which is being supported by Stafford & Surrounds, Cannock Chase and South East Staffordshire & Seisdon Peninsula Clinical Commissioning Groups.

Being upright and active during labour and childbirth can be beneficial. Strong evidence indicates that it can help the baby arrive more quickly and help the mother deal with pain.

Midwife Alexandra Birch, who is the programme lead for the Pan Staffordshire Maternity Transformation Programme, said: "We want more women to become aware of the options that there are during childbirth. Many people still think that lying down is the best or only option."

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"But there are lots of other positions that can involve being upright or being active and moving around."

"You can use a combination of these to help while you are in labour, and it's best if expectant mothers are aware of this and think about what they may like to try."

"Being upright and active can shorten labour and reduces the incidence of caesarean section and the need for epidurals."

Alex added: "Pregnant women don't need a special diet, but they do need a healthy mixed diet to help get all the nutrients that they and their baby need. A healthy diet will provide you with the vitamins and minerals you need, but folic acid supplement is also helpful."

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All aboard for changes on the buses

BUS operator Arriva has made changes to some services across its Cannock network. New routes and timetables came into effect on Saturday and include a route revision to the 61/62 service between Cannock and Lichfield.

The service will no longer travel through Chasetown but will allow greater access to Burntwood's Springhill and Oakdene estates. Chasetown will now be served by the 60 service. Slight amendments have been made to the 1, 2, 2E, 3 and 3A timetables between Cannock and Walsall, while a new 826 Stafford College service is being introduced to replace the 836, which will travel from Cannock via Colwich and Tixall into Stafford.

Changes can be viewed by downloading the free Arriva Bus App via the Apple Store or Google Play, or visit www.arriva.co.uk/midlands

David Brent, Arriva General Manager in Cannock, said: "We are dedicated to providing the best possible services for our customers across Cannock, Stafford, Lichfield and Walsall and we work constantly to understand their changing needs."

Jobs boost as shop in £1m relaunch

TEN jobs have been created with the £1m relaunch of the Co-op store in Penkridge.

The Wolverhampton Road shop reopened after the makeover with a fun day to raise money for local causes.

Shop manager Carol Battersby said: "Our ambition is to establish the store as a local hub – a real asset for the community."

Redeployment saves NHS staff from axe

HUNDREDS of NHS workers in Staffordshire have been saved from the axe in three months – while health bosses are still desperately trying to fill around 1,500 vacancies in the county.

Since June around 200 staff have been "redeployed" to different positions because their original jobs were put at risk. The move has saved more than £500,000 which would have been forked out on redundancy fees.

The figures have been revealed in the latest report on the Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP).

The five-year strategy was published last December proposing sweeping cuts to services across the county including major implications for A&E departments and community hospitals.

Retention

A progress report states: "The transformation of health and care is going to result in people needing to change roles. The retention of key skills and competencies is a priority."

"There are currently around 1,500 NHS vacancies across a range of bands and specialisms including nursing, medical consultants, allied health professionals, administration and a range of support roles."

"A centralised NHS redeployment team has been funded for 12 months."

"The team maintain a central redeployment register and manage each person on the register, proactively matching the member of staff at risk with potential suitable employment, arranging for them to be interviewed and then collating feedback from interview panels."

The savings made already have already paid for the cost of the redeployment team, the report adds.

Tourism team shouts out about What's On



The Garrick's Dan Ingleby, Town Crier's Lady Marilyn Masters, Ian Clarke, of Erasmus Darwin House, Sarah Dale, from the Samuel Johnson Birthplace Museum and Lichfield Town Crier Ken Knowles

"THE best guide" to events across the Lichfield district and surrounding areas has been launched.

Lichfield District Council's tourism team Visit Lichfield has put the finishing touches to its What's On brochure. It lists all the big autumn events – such as Lichfield Heritage Weekend on September 23 and 24 – and was launched at Erasmus Darwin House.

There are plenty of events to keep the whole family happy on Halloween and fireworks night, while autumn also sees Lichfield Cathedral hosting the Discovering Elias Ashmole exhibition to celebrate the 400th anniversary of the birth in Lichfield of the celebrated politi-

cian and astrologer. Councillor Ian Pritchard, district council cabinet member for economic growth, environment and development services, said: "The new What's On guide is a handy way to plan your upcoming diary. There is so much going on across the district."

What's On has details of festive events, including Lichfield's lights switch-on and the city's Christmas Festival.

What's On brochures have been sent to homes and are also available at Tourist Information in Lichfield Library on The Friary and other visitor attractions. It can also be downloaded from www.visitlichfield.co.uk/download

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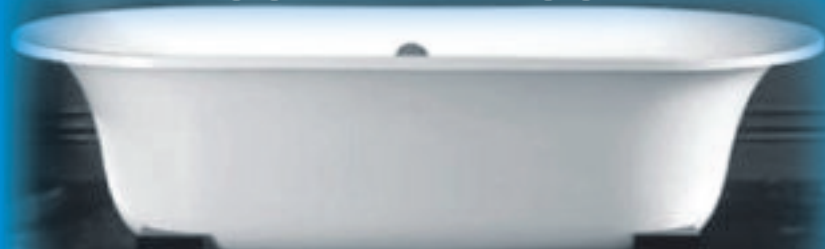
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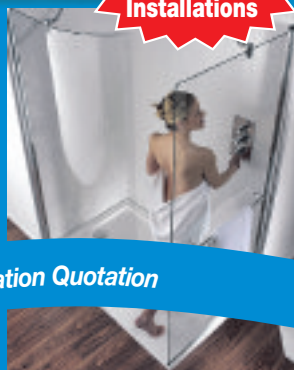
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This aerial shot of Shugborough Hall was taken from a drone by keen amateur photographer Graham Mitchell

THIS is Shugborough Hall from the air – captured on a summer's evening in all its glory.

The aerial shot shows the Georgian mansion and Sher Brook just in front of the historic building.

Taken one late August evening, the images were taken from a drone by keen amateur photographer Graham Mitchell, who runs Stafford Aerial Photography. Mr Mitchell said on Facebook: 'I fly my UAV (Unmanned Aerial Vehicle) as a hobby and have created this page to share the images that I collect.'

Other buildings he has captured include Stafford Grammar School, Grapes Music Bar and the Ancient High House in Stafford. Shugborough Hall was built in 1695 and all major buildings including the mansion house, servants' quarters, working farm and walled garden still remain.

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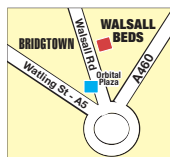
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Led Zep during their beard-wearing stage, before Mick met Jimmy

Wall of rock is spilling beans on music stars

So, what is it like to hang out with rock stars? Well, that depends on which rock star you happen to be hanging out with. In the case of Ozzy Osbourne, for example, it has always been very easy.

If you recall Ozzy from his hit TV reality show, The Osbournes, you'll have a good idea already. The main word is 'funny'. Ozzy is hilarious. He can't help it. He just is. A very dry sense of humour, delivered with that sing-song Brummie accent.

From the first time I met Ozzy, at a rehearsal studio in London in 1980, down on his luck at the time after being sacked from Black Sabbath for being "too crazy" even for them, all I seemed to do was laugh. For years his wife Sharon and I used to joke that Ozzy should have his own comedy show on telly, never imagining that in the future such a thing as 'reality TV' would exist.

The last time I saw Ozzy was when he and Sabbath played in Birmingham earlier this year. Ozzy was staying in such an enormous hotel suite it came with its own butler. He hadn't changed one bit.

"Bloody hell, it's Mick!" he boomed across the vast space of his 'reception' room. "Come and feel the bolt in me neck!"

Squeeze

He was referring to the slab of surgical steel that now sits pinning his shoulder together, the result of his infamous quad bike accident.

I gave it a friendly squeeze. "Now I really am the godfather of heavy metal," he laughed.

Not all rock stars are as good fun as Ozzy, though. Some, like Jon Bon Jovi, are much more serious offstage than you would ever imagine from their upbeat image.

Then there are the deeply mysterious ones like Led Zeppelin's leader and guitarist Jimmy Page. On a visit to his countryside mansion one day, Jimmy took me into a room where he sat in an armchair as big as a throne. Like some James Bond villain, he had a secret panel of buttons built into an arm of the chair.

Jimmy pushed one and the opposite wall slid back to reveal four massive oil paintings. "What do you make of these?" he asked, nonchalantly. I walked over and had a closer look. All the paintings seemed



Legendary rock writer Mick Wall tells the Chronicle what it's like hanging out with legends such as Guns 'n' Roses, Led Zeppelin, Black Sabbath and Lou Reed as a preview to his spoken word evening at Bilston's Robin 2 in December



Sharon and Ozzy, with his metal bolt



Rick Parfitt - loved cars

to depict similar scenes. Some sort of lavishly depicted ancient garden in which there were tiny forms of hundreds of humans writhed in pain and torment.

"Very nice," I said with a straight face. Then he took me outside a showed me the garden. It was about the size of the West Midlands.

For most rock stars it really is all about girls and cars, though.

Phil and I would walk into a pub and he would tell me to grab a table and wait for him. I'd sit down while he stood at the bar, jacket collar up, stooped over looking glum. Within minutes a young woman would walk over and ask him what was wrong, why he was so down? Phil would sigh. Then another young woman, sometimes two or three would join him and want to know the same thing.

He would buy a tray of drinks and lead the girls over to the table where I was sitting. I would be expected to help keep the talk going while Phil would lead the girls outside one by one and, well, get to know them better.

When it comes to cars, it's hard to think of any rock star I have known that has been more obsessed than the late Status Quo guitarist Rick

Parfitt. When Rick wasn't writing and singing such Quo classics as 'Whatever You Want', he was usually out buying a car.

He would ring me sometimes and hold his phone next to whatever new revving engine he'd just acquired - could be a brand new Porsche, could be a vintage Rolls Royce.

"Just listen to her purr," he'd say, almost purring himself.

He'd soon grow bored with them though and go and buy another.

I recall one occasion when I visited him at his riverside home in London, and he took me to see his brand new Bentley Continental. He proudly showed me around the car, told me the whole story about how he was one of the first 50 people in the world to have one.

I rang him a couple of weeks later and asked how he was getting on with his new car.

"Oh, that," he said. "I sold it. Bought myself a brand new Merc."

Or was it another Roller? I can't remember now. Whatever it was, it would definitely have purred though.

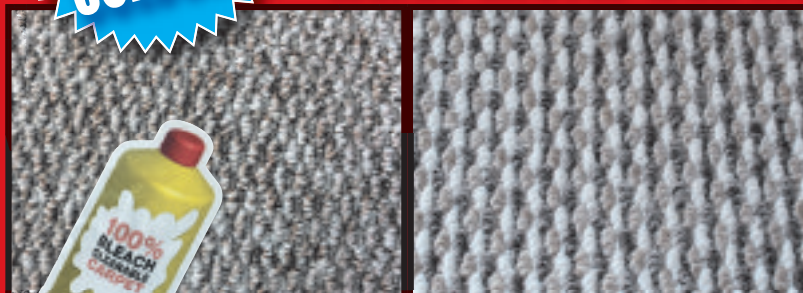
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Some sad times as well, of course, Linda my wife dying and also my pal who helped me open the shop. Both died in their late 40s, both died far too young, and are sorely missed.

We opened Jonathan's 25 years ago and Sue Jones has managed it all those years. Well done, Sue.

We also moved from Market Hall Street to Cannock Shopping Centre.

I sold this shop to Greg Dent my manager just over 12 months ago, but allowed him to keep my trading name on it. The time has come now for me to sell Jonathan's and hang up my eyeglass.

I shall miss all the wonderful people in Cannock; each time I come in I see people who I think of more as friends



Mike Chatwin – 'our customers and staff have given us so much support'

than customers. We shall be having a retirement sale at Jonathan's so do come and join us for drinks and canapés and raise a glass to the future.

I have three children, five grandchildren plus one more due in October (grandchild, that is!). My son Jonathan has just got engaged so I guess I know what my future holds.

Kindest regards to you all and I

would like to make special reference to Harvey Norris, who was irreplaceable and also sorely missed by many of the ladies in Cannock who wouldn't see anyone but Harvey. He came to help us in a crisis – he said he could do three weeks and stayed until he retired!

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20 Inmate dies after collapse at prison

AN inmate has died after collapsing at HMP Featherstone. Mark Palfreyman, aged 43, died at New Cross Hospital last Thursday.

Mr Palfreyman, of Atherstone, Warwickshire, had been sentenced in May to two years and four months after pleading guilty to a robbery in Nuneaton in March in which a woman was injured.

West Midlands Ambulance Service confirmed it was called to the prison, on New Road, Featherstone, near Wolverhampton, at 9am. Two ambulances were sent to the scene and one took the man to the hospital for treatment at 9.49am. He was later pronounced dead.

A Prison Service spokesperson said: "As with all deaths in custody there will be an independent investigation by the Prisons and Probation Ombudsman."

Unruly prisoners deserve a longer stretch, says MP

AN MP has called for prisoners who incite violence or are involved in distributing drugs at HMPs Featherstone and Oakwood to be issued with longer sentences.

South Staffordshire MP Gavin Williamson called for a zero tolerance approach towards inmates who commit

further offences as well as those on the outside who help them.

His call follows a troubled week at the prisons. After disruption at Featherstone, 50 police officers later swooped on both the Category C prison and neighbouring HMP Oakwood.

Five people were arrested over attempts to smuggle drugs, a SIM card and a weapon into prison. Mr Williamson said: "Prisons need to make sure

they have the right resources to maintain order, while the full force of the law should be thrown at these people and their sentences should be extended considerably."

Deputy director for HMP Oakwood, Sean Oliver, said: "Thursday's operation sends a clear message to those who target our prison that they risk facing a criminal record and a spell behind bars."

Family links stay in place as Alan retires

A PENKRIDGE man is retiring as general sales manager at Stafford Land Rover, leaving behind a family legacy in more ways than one.

Alan Dew began working for the family-owned Swansway Motor Group when it was formed in 2003 and then most of his family joined him there.

Alan said: "When I started working at Stafford Audi, everything just clicked. I enjoyed going to work, I loved the friendly, family atmosphere."

In fact he enjoyed it so much that he told his children what a great place it was to work – and they joined him there.

His son Pete is in his 11th year as a technician at Swansway-owned Stafford Audi next door, daughter Amy, in her fifth year with Swansway, is sales administrator at Stafford Audi and previously was the receptionist at Stafford Land Rover.

Alan's daughter Kate was a sales executive at Stafford Audi before leaving to become a full-time mother, leaving his daughter Victoria as the only one of his children not to have worked for Swansway.

"My family and the Swansway family have been in it together since the start," Alan said.

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Luxury farmhouse has £2.5m price tag



The farmhouse at Shelmore Farm, Gnosall

A LUXURY farmhouse in a quiet Staffordshire village – complete with more than 200 acres of land, a pool, log cabin and caravan park – is on the market for a cool £2.5 million.

Shelmore Farm in Gnosall, near Stafford, is being sold through Halls estate agents.

The architect-designed house is only four years old, while the farm buildings on the plot were built in 2007.

The property does, however, have an agricultural occupancy restriction attached to it.

The three-bedroom farmhouse is partially oak framed, is well insulated, doubled glazed and has underfloor heating.

The farm buildings, which sit on the opposite side of the road to the house, are approached by a double-gated tarmac entrance and have woodland at the back.

Grain

That area also includes an equestrian range with four stables, two tack rooms, a grain store, as well as a general purpose building used as a bull beef unit.

The caravan park has five units and is set around a landscaped pool area with a log cabin which was built in 2006.

Halls has divided the property into three lots. One includes the farmhouse, farm buildings and 157 acres of land and lot two includes 42 acres of ara-



The countryside views



Lot includes building and land ble land and woodland. They have a collective guide price of £2.45m, while lot three which includes the pool, log cabin and caravan park is valued at £100,000.

Contact Halls on 01743 450700.

Student numbers on rise at college

A COLLEGE is welcoming its highest ever intake of new students as the academic year gets under way. South Staffordshire College is reporting an 11 per cent increase in students accepting a place for the 2017-18 academic year.

The increase is down to significant investment, particularly in its AgriSTEM Academy, based at the Rodbaston campus, and the tailoring of courses to match the employment needs of the local economy, according to bosses.

The £5.4 million AgriSTEM Academy was launched in June with the first intake due to start in September. It will offer a new range of diplomas, apprenticeships and traineeships in subjects such as landbased technology, agricultural engineering, and motorsport.

Chief executive Graham Morley said: "More students are being attracted by both the facilities and our close employer links, putting them in the strongest possible position to embark on their chosen career."

Freight hub battle gets backing of another MP

Mascot's death mars day of Regiment celebrations



The ram, Private Derby XXXI, was the Mercian Regiment mascot

CELEBRATIONS of the 10th anniversary since the launch of the Mercian Regiment were marred by the death of the Regimental Mascot, Private Derby.

The Swaledale ram, who had been unwell for some weeks, was due to lead the anniversary parade but had to be put to sleep on veterinary advice when his condition deteriorated hours before the event took place in Tamworth on Saturday.

He was the 31st in a long line of similar rams who have all acted as Army mascots.

Brigadier (Retd) Andrew Wil-

liams, Colonel of the Mercians, which incorporated The Staffordshire and other regiments on its formation, said: "This was a day of celebration for our first 10 years, so we are particularly saddened that we should lose our mascot, Private Derby."

The ram was held on the official strength of the regiment and even had his own regimental number. He was enlisted in February 2016 and, like his successor, was bred on the Chatsworth Estate and presented to the Regiment by the Duke of Devonshire.

PROTECTED land will be under threat if the rail hub in South Staffordshire is built, it is claimed.

Jeremy Lefroy, MP for Stafford, has joined South Staffordshire MP Gavin Williamson in opposing plans from developer Four Ashes Ltd to build a 618-acre rail interchange at Gailey.

Four Ashes Ltd, says the proposals will see 'major infrastructure investment in the area, creating up to 8,500 direct jobs'.

But in a seven-page letter hitting out at the proposal, Mr Lefroy warned that the plans 'would be so considerable that it would have the effect of changing green belt policy in South Staffordshire and the West Midlands as a whole'.

He also claims that if approved, green belt land would be left vulnerable as it would 'open the door to widespread challenges to the integrity' of the green belt.

Clear

In his letter, sent as part of the recently closed consultation over the plans, Mr Lefroy also said he believed that 'two or more' smaller rail hubs would benefit the region more than the one proposed. He claimed that the increase in traffic may lead to a higher amount of accidents on roads.

"I make it clear at the outset that I am opposed to these proposals," Mr Lefroy added. "On the grounds of the very substantial use of green belt land alone, this proposal should be rejected."

Campaigners say the scheme would cause irreversible damage to the countryside, eat into the green belt and clog up roads.

Peter Frost, managing director of Four Ashes Ltd, said: "We believe the West Midlands Interchange could be truly transformative for the local economy as well as unlocking growth in the wider West Midlands region. Since launching our consultation on July 5, almost 1,000 people have attended our five exhibitions, and we have had some useful feedback already."

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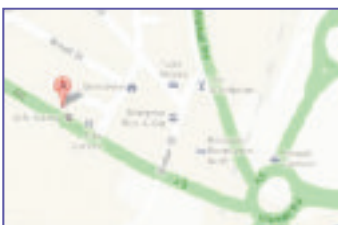
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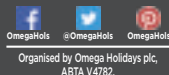
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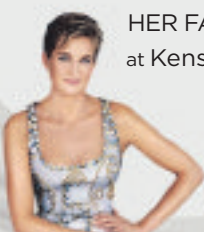
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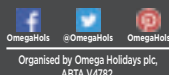
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Country matters at the game fair

The annual weekend celebration of life and sport in the countryside returns to Weston Park

THE Midland Game Fair has been the event of choice for country sports enthusiasts and families looking for that special day out for over a decade.

Held over the weekend of September 16 and 17 at Weston Park in Shropshire, the Midland Game Fair has become the annual meeting place for the shooting community as well as all those who want to experience the best the countryside has to offer.

The vast parkland offers a superb setting for the huge countryside event which includes country sports events, displays of skills, a food fair, range of musical stages and stalls selling a massive range of equipment and clothes.

Jousting

This grand family day out features an impressive line-up of activities, especially inside the Realtree Main Arena. Here visitors can watch jousting team the Knights of Middle England; Britain's longest established and leading dog display team, Essex Dog Display; Ye Olde Redtail Falconry; fun sheep racing with the Lamb National; the traditional Hound Parade; and an insightful demonstration from seasoned demonstrator, countryman Brian Brinded.

There is also the ever-popular Folk Roots Festival across three different



Owners will put their dogs through their paces at the Midland Game Fair

stages; the Prince Albert Angling Fishing Village; a Working Dog Village; Falconry Village; Airgun Expo and Gamekeeper's Row; as well as a Fieldsports Arena, Food Festival and Beer in the Park, where visitors can take a break.

There's also the Gunmaker's Roadshow, which brings together world-class shotgun manufacturers and distributors, a Survival Camp; and whole host of family inspired entertainment, from ferret displays and donkey rides to have-a-go fun and demonstrations in rural crafts.

As Britain's largest field-

sports-themed outdoor event, the 2017 annual Midland Game Fair boasts grand finals of the Chudleys Gundog Championship and BASC Clay Shooting.

There are more than 700 trade stands selling the latest in countryside goods, outdoor wear and accessories. To discover more about this year's event at Weston Park, visit www.midlandgamefair.co.uk website.

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Diana Vickers, who found fame on X Factor, will recreate the magic of Dusty Springfield when she stars in Son of a Preacher Man at Birmingham's New Alexandra Theatre from Tuesday to September 16.

The production tells the story of three broken hearts, one Soho hang-out, and the only man who could ever help them.

Diana was thrilled to be asked and announced the role on Instagram: "Very excited to announce I will be starring in the brand new stage show of Son of a Preacher Man. "Very much looking forward to working with a great team on what I think will be a gem of a show! Hope to see some of you there."

Choreographer Craig Revel Horwood added: "I am delighted to bring to life for the very first time this wonderful story created by Warner Brown, with soulful songs from the legendary Dusty Springfield's iconic music catalogue.

"I hope that audiences will come to love this warm-hearted and uplifting new musical as much as I do."

New Alexandra Theatre spokeswoman Fiona McCartney says: "Welcome to the Preacher Man, the swinging 1960s Soho joint where the kids danced the night away to the latest crazes and dared to dream of love, while the legendary owner, The Preacher Man himself, dispensed advice to cure the loneliest of hearts.

"Only, that was a long time ago and all that remains are the memories, the stories and the myths. Until now, that is, when three random strangers, generations apart but all in need of help with their hopeless love lives, are inexplicably drawn to the site of the original venue.

"The Preacher Man is long gone, but his son, with help from the wonderful Cappuccino Sisters, might just find it in himself to channel the spirit of The Preacher Man and once more give these three lovesick strangers the look of love."

ATTENTION

The play features the greatest hits of Dusty Springfield, including The Look Of Love, I Only Want To Be With You, Spooky and the classic Son Of A Preacher Man.

Directed and choreographed by Strictly Come Dancing's Craig, it stars Diana (Little Voice, Rocky Horror Show, X Factor), Debra Stephenson (The Impressions Show, Bad Girls, Coronation Street) and Ian Reddington (Benidorm, Shameless, Robin Hood).

Diana first came to the public's attention when she was a semi-finalist on the 2008 edition of X Factor. She hit the road with her fellow finalists after the show before landing a career in the West End.

She had been prepared for stardom by taking singing lessons as a youngster in Blackburn – though she didn't sing professionally until adulthood.

Her X Factor entry came about with a cover of Damien Rice's hit The Blower's Daughter, which dazzled Louis Walsh and Cheryl Cole among others. Simon Cowell described her as a Marmite artist – who he loved.

He later signed her to his label and her debut album, Songs from the Tainted Cherry Tree, later became a number one and earned her a gold disc.

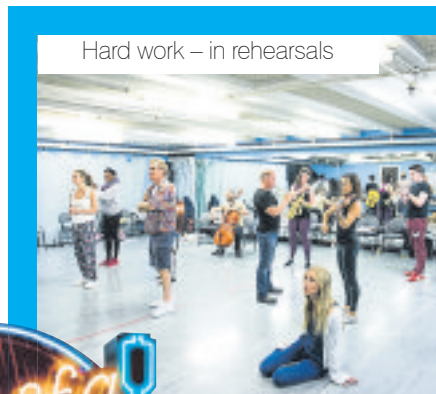
Gradually, the star also developed an acting career after starring in a newly-revived West End production of Jim Cartwright's The Rise and Fall of Little Voice in October 2009 at the Vaudeville Theatre, on The Strand, London.

She played a character called Little Voice, impersonating such singers as Shirley Bassey, Edith Piaf

Diana will bring the hits of Dusty Springfield back to life



Hard work – in rehearsals



Star cast – Debra, Ian and Diana



She's got X Factor – Diana



and Judy Garland.

She also moved into the movies after landing a debut film role alongside Clint Eastwood's son in The Perfect Wave, which was about surfing and the power of life and death. Diana developed a fashion line, described as boho-chic and hippie-influenced, that was inspired by Brigitte Bardot and Marilyn Monroe. And she has remained busy ever since, combining her fashion dreams with roles in theatre.

Most recently, she played Janet in a touring production of The Rocky Horror Picture Show. And there are plenty more roles that she'd like to play. She's a fan of Grease and would like to play Sandy. "I'd love to. Although Rizzo would be incredible, you'd rather be Rizzo wouldn't you, because she's just sexier? I like bad characters!"

Though she works formidably hard, Diana takes time out to switch off and relax. Her favourite hobby is reading and she gets sucked into a good book.

"I do a lot of baking when I'm stressed. And I love exercising, running, gym classes, yoga, interval training. Then just normal things like chilling with my friends, playing music loudly . . . and having a glass of wine after the show always helps!"

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The Human League



1980s hit-makers are in a League of their own

One of the biggest British bands of the 1980s will be giving fans Electric Dreams when they perform at Wolverhampton Racecourse on Saturday.

Synth pop legends The Human League will be in concert following a race meeting on September 9. The Sheffield new wave outfit, led by Phil Oakey and also featuring vocals from Joanne Catherall and Susan Ann Sulley, will play as part of The SunBets Music Live 2017 meeting at Dunstall's all-weather track.

The band, famed for their cross-Atlantic number one hit Don't You Want Me – which sold more than 20 million – will play their classic 1980s hits including Love Action, Mirror Man, Fascination and Human.

When the group played in the city in December 2014

at the Civic Hall, an Express & Star review of that gig hailed the group as 'modern pop music perfection'.

The Human League have returned to the area in recent years and they performed at Uttoxeter Racecourse last year, marking 35 years since the release of their best-selling album Dare!

Since 1978, the Human League have released nine studio albums, four EPs and 30 singles with Don't You Want Me entering the top 20 again just four years ago.

Tickets to the event start from £35.95 with family tickets for £110. These can be bought directly from the racecourse by calling 01902 390 000 or online at the wolverhampton-racecourse.co.uk website.

The flat racing takes place from 5.25 to 8.30pm with the concert held after the final race.

Dave is back on the home Beat



The Beat, featuring original co-frontman and singer Dave Wakeling, have a homecoming gig in Birmingham for the musician who now resides in Los Angeles.

The gig on Friday, September 15, part of a UK tour, is Wakeling's first in the city since the death of the original band's Birmingham-based veteran saxophonist Saxa.

Wakeling has been putting the finishing touches to his first studio album under The Beat moniker since Special Beat Service in

1982. Tentatively titled Here We Go Love, it's an album of uplifting ska rhythms, infectious pop hooks and some Californian sunshine which reflects Wakeling's adopted home.

The Beat exploded out of Brum in 1979 as part of the same ska/rock/reggae scene that launched The Specials and UB40. Dave Wakeling enjoyed further success in the States with supergroup General Public and released a solo album No Warning in 1991.

Wakeling has played an estimated thousand shows as the frontman of The English Beat, most in the USA where he continues to command a devoted audience.

Straddling 2 Tone, reggae and post-punk, The Beat had a host of hits – including Mirror In The Bathroom, Too Nice To Talk To, Hands Off She's Mine and hit covers of Tears Of A Clown and Can't Get Used To Losing You.

For tickets to see Wakeling's seven-piece incarnation of The Beat at Birmingham's O2 Academy 2, supported by Frantic Action and Ruder Than U, see academymusicgroup.com/o2academybirmingham/ website.

Another version of The Beat, featuring Ranking Roger, are touring with The Selecter.

Whip smart play is domestic drama

A powerful play about privilege, power and how the past can affect the present is being staged at Birmingham Rep's venue The Door.

The Whip Hand by Scottish playwright Douglas Maxwell is a domestic drama set in Glasgow. When Dougie chooses his 50th birthday party to right an old wrong, it causes a family rift. With Jonathan Watson, from TV sit-com Two Doors Down, as Dougie, The Whip Hand runs at The Door until next Saturday, September 16.



Marvelettes time for Tamla Motown fans

Motown legends The Marvelettes are coming to the Black Country. Soul enthusiast and Northern Soul DJ Hitsville Chalky is bringing the 1960s girl group over from Detroit for a concert at Brierley Hill Civic Hall on Friday, September 15.

The Marvelettes, who were actually signed to Tamla until that merged with sister label Motown, had one of the label's first US hits with chart-topper Please Mr Postman and had a UK hit with When You're Young And In Love.

The group features original member Katherine Anderson. There will also be DJ sets from Hitsville Chalky, Gary Parker and Catcombs legend Pep. For tickets see tickets.bhillcivic.co.uk/boxoffice/book/1056 or call 01384 573381.

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Andrew Flintoff hosts the action-packed game show, in which 24 contestants are tasked with traversing a series of water-based challenges and custom-made inflatable obstacles, each designed to test their speed, accuracy, height and distance. The most successful contestants then claim a chance to launch themselves 'cannonball-style' at a moving target on the surface of a deep-water tank, all in the hope of nabbing the show's 'priceless' Cannonball Cup. Frankie Bridge, Radzi Chinyanganya, Ryan Hand and Maya Jama all join Andrew at the poolside to commentate on the action.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Nadia's British Food Adventure. (R) **12.00** Football Focus. **1.00** BBC News: Weather. **1.15** Athletics: Great North CityGames. Gabby Logan presents coverage from the Newcastle Gateshead Quayside. **3.15** Escape to the Country. (R) **4.00** Final Score. **5.20** BBC News. **5.30** Regional Programme. **5.40** Len Goodman's Partners in Rhyme. **6.10** **Pointless Celebrities.** Ruth Badger, Solomon Akhtar, Carl Fogarty, Jimmy Bullard, Craig Phillips, Nikki Grahame, Jamie Laing and Alex Mytton compete in a reality TV-themed edition. (R) **7.00** **Strictly Come Dancing Launch Show 2017.** New series. The pro-celebrity ballroom contest returns, with an opening spectacular featuring last year's champions Ore Oduba and Joanne Clifton performing their winning routine, plus music from Shania Twain and Rita Ora. The line-up this year features former Holby City star Chizzy Akudolu, Emmerdale and Hollyoaks alumnus Gemma Atkinson, 2008 X Factor winner Alexandra Burke, TV and radio comedy star Susan Calman, Radio 4 broadcaster the Rev Richard Coles, TV presenter Brian Conley, EastEnders' Davood Ghadami (Kush Kazemi), Good Morning Britain's Charlotte Hawkins and The Saturdays' singer Mollie King. Also reading the boards are This Morning's Ruth Langford, Holby City actor Joe McFadden, JLS's Aston Merrygold, Paralympian Jonnie Peacock, TV chef Simon Rimmer, and Debbie McGee, whose late husband and performing partner Paul Daniels previously took to the dancefloor in 2010. This year, the "Queen of Latin" Shirley Ballas will be replacing Len Goodman on the judges' panel, with Bruno Tonioli, Craig Revel Horwood and Darcey Bussell all returning to appraise the talents of the amateur dancers and their professional partners. **8.40** BBC News: Weather. **9.00** **Last Night of the Proms.** **10.30** **Match of the Day.** Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest top-flight matches. **11.55** **The NFL Show.** Mark Chapman looks at the major stories shaping the NFL world. **12.25** **Film:** The Rookie. (2002) **2.25** Weather for the Week Ahead.

BBC2

6.15 How We Won the War. (R) **6.45** The Lancaster: Britain's Flying Past. (R) **7.45** **Film:** Vivacious Lady. (1938) **9.15** **Film:** The Fox and the Child. (2007) **10.45** Railways of the Great War with Michael Portillo. (R) **11.15** Wanted Down Under. (R) **12.00** Rick Stein's Long Weekends. (R) **1.00** Coast Australia. (R) **1.50** **Film:** Emma. (1996) Jane Austen drama, starring Gwyneth Paltrow. **3.45** Mastermind. (R) **4.15** University Challenge. (R) **4.45** Only Connect. (R) **5.15** Gardeners' World. (R) **6.15** **The Big Family Cooking Showdown.** Culinary competition hosted by Zoe Ball and Nadiya Hussain in which two families face a series of challenges based on the realities of everyday meals. (R) **7.15** **Last Night of the Proms.** Katie Derham presents live from London's Royal Albert Hall, where the BBC Proms' signature Last Night concert gets under way. Conductor Sakari Oramo leads the BBC Symphony Orchestra and Chorus this evening, as they accompany soprano Nina Stemme in a performance of music from Wagner's Tristan and Isolde. The ensemble celebrates 100 years of Finnish independence with renditions of Sibelius's Finlandia and Kodaly's Budavari Te Deum, with help from Soprano Lucy Crowe, mezzo Christine Rice, tenor Ben Johnson and bass John Relyea. Also featuring this evening is the premiere of Finnish composer Lotta Wennakoski's Flourece, and a performance of Malcolm Sargent's An Impression on a Windy Day. **9.00** **Film:** X-Y. (2014) Premiere. A specially awkward teenager finds it difficult to communicate with people, but finds comfort in his passion for numbers. However, while training to take part in the forthcoming International Mathematical Olympiad, he finds love with a kindred spirit. Comedy drama, starring Asa Butterfield, Rafe Spall and Sally Hawkins. **10.45** **Film:** What Women Want. (2000) A womanising executive gets a new insight into life when he accidentally gains the ability to hear the thoughts of the opposite sex. Romantic comedy, with Mel Gibson and Helen Hunt. **12.45** **Film:** Miss Bala. (2011) **2.35** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Sooty. **6.10** Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids. (R) **6.20** Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.45** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **7.00** Mission Employable. (R) **7.05** Oddbods. (R) **7.10** Oddbods. (R) **7.20** Super 4. (R) **7.30** Scrambled!: Scrambled! **7.35** Scrambled!: The Tom and Jerry Show. (R) **7.50** Scrambled!: Fangbone. (R) **8.10** Scrambled!: The Powerpuff Girls. (R) **8.30** Scrambled!: Star Wars. The Yoda Chronicles. (R) **9.05** Scrambled!: Adventure Time. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** Saturday Morning with James Martin. **11.25** The Hungry Sailors. (R) **12.20** ITV News: Weather. **12.25** The X Factor. (R) **1.30** ITV Racing: Live from Haydock. Coverage of this afternoon's meetings at Haydock Park, Kempton Park and Ascot. **4.30** The Chase. (R) **5.30** Regional Programme. **5.40** ITV News: Weather. **6.00** **The Family Chase.** Bradley Walsh hosts a family-themed edition of the game show. The French family from Wiltshire pit their general-knowledge know-how against that of professional quizzers. **7.00** **Cannonball.** Andrew Flintoff hosts the action-packed game show, in which 24 contestants are tasked with traversing a series of water-based challenges and custom-made inflatable obstacles, each designed to test their speed, accuracy, height and distance. The most successful contestants then claim a chance to launch themselves "cannonball-style" at a moving target on the surface of a deep-water tank, all in the hope of nabbing the show's "priceless" Cannonball Cup. **8.00** **The X Factor.** Dermot O'Leary presents as the nationwide talent contest continues apace in the third rounds of auditions. Another selection of would-be stars submit themselves for approval by uncompromising resident judges Louis Walsh, Nicole Scherzinger, Sharon Osbourne and Simon Cowell. **9.15** **The Jonathan Ross Show.** **10.20** ITV News: Weather. **10.35** **Film:** United 93. (2006) Fact-based drama about the fourth plane hijacked in the September 11 attacks, which was stopped from reaching its target by the passengers. With Christian Clemenson and Trish Gates. **12.40** Jackpot247. **3.00** The Hungry Sailors. (R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.10 Mobil 1 The Grid. **6.35** Motor Sport: Volkswagen Racing Cup. **7.05** Motor Sport: Mini Challenge. **7.35** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.25** Frasier. (R) **8.55** Frasier. (R) **9.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **9.55** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **10.25** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **10.50** The Simpsons. (R) **11.20** The Simpsons. (R) **11.50** Come Dine with Me. (R) **12.20** Come Dine with Me. (R) **12.50** Come Dine with Me. (R) **1.25** Come Dine with Me. (R) **1.55** Come Dine with Me. (R) **2.25** Big House, Little House. **3.30** A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun. (R) **4.30** A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun. (R) **5.35** Location, Location, Location. (R) **6.30** **Channel 4 News.** **7.00** **Shakespeare's Tomb.** Documentary charting a two-year-long archaeological investigation of William Shakespeare's grave at Holy Trinity Church in Stratford-upon-Avon. The grave itself bears a curse condemning anyone who disturbs the Bard's final resting place, reading "Good friend, for Jesus' sake forbear/To dig the dust enclosed here/Blessed be the man that spares the stones/And cursed be he that moves my bones". For the first time since Shakespeare's death 400 years ago, the church has authorised archaeologists to conduct a study on the site, giving Kevin Collis of Staffordshire University, leading geophysicist Erica Utsi, and Cambridge historian Dr Helen Castor a chance to utilise state-of-the-art radar technology to build up a picture of what lies beneath the surface without disturbing the hallowed site. As the team reveals, the results of their examination contained a few unexpected surprises. (R) **8.00** **Great Canal Journeys: India.** Part two of two. Timothy West and Prunella Scales explore the Brahmaputra river, where they follow an old trade route, meet a community of monks and take a ride on an elephant. (R) **9.00** **Film: X-Men: First Class.** (2011) Superhero adventure prequel, starring James McAvoy, Michael Fassbender and Jennifer Lawrence. **11.40** **Film: The Tourist.** (2010) Romantic thriller, with Johnny Depp and Angelina Jolie. **1.25** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA. (R) **2.20** The State. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.20** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **10.55** Make You Laugh Out Loud. (R) **11.15** Police Interceptors. (R) **12.10** Police Interceptors. (R) **1.10** Police Interceptors. (R) **2.10** Police Interceptors. (R) **3.05** The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door. (R) **4.00** Murdered: Nightmare Neighbour Next Door. (R) **5.00** Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. (R) **6.00** **Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away.** High Court Enforcement Agents Paul and Steve are sent to north London to evict a young Romanian mother who owes £6,000 in unpaid rent, but when they arrive, they discover a family home that is not quite what it appears to be. Meanwhile, in Kent, Brian and Alan turn up the pressure on a debtor who has admitted to owing more than £7,000, but claims he cannot afford to pay up – despite having a garage full of expensive tools. Later, in south-west London, Brian accompanies Delroy as he tries to recover a £400,000 debt from a residential property, and when the pair trace the defaulter to an upmarket cafe, the man in charge lies about his identity. (R) **7.00** **Cricknet on 5.** England v West Indies. Mark Nicholas presents highlights of the third day of the Third Test, which took place at Lord's. **8.00** **The Great Fire: London Burns.** Dan Jones, Suzannah Lipscomb and Rob Bell take a look at the Great Fire of London by walking the route the fire took across the city, hour-by-hour and street-by-street. (R) **8.55** **5 News Weekend.** **9.00** **Football on 5: The Championship.** Colin Murray introduces highlights from the weekend's games in the Championship, including Fulham v Cardiff City and Sunderland v Sheffield United. **10.00** **Football on 5: Goal Rush.** Colin Murray introduces all the goals from the weekend's games in Leagues One and Two, including AFC Wimbledon v Portsmouth and Rotherham United v Bury. **10.30** **Hijacked.** **11.30** **Criminals: Caught on Camera.** (R) **11.55** **Access.** Showbiz news and gossip. (R) **12.10** SuperCasio. **3.10** Exploding Sun. **4.40** Access.

DIGITAL

BBC Four **7.00** The Brain with David Eagleman **8.00** Swarm: Nature's Incredible Invasions **9.00** Inspector Montalbano **10.55** Top of the Pops: 1984 **11.30** Len Goodman's Dance Band Days **12.30** Andrew Marr on Churchill: Blood, Sweat and Oil Paint **1.30** Bright Lights, Brilliant Minds: A Tale of Three Cities **2.30** Swarm: Nature's Incredible Invasions **3.30** Close **ITV2** **11.20** The X Factor **12.20** Celebrity Catchphrase **1.20** You've Been Framed! Gold Top 100 Talent **2.20** You've Been Framed! Gold **2.50** **Film:** Paul Blart: Mall Cop (2009) **3.50** FYI Daily **3.55** **Film:** Paul Blart: Mall Cop (2009) **4.45** **Film:** Sweet Home Alabama (2002) **5.45** FYI Daily **5.50** **Film:** Sweet Home Alabama (2002) **6.50** **Film:** The Incredible Hulk (2008) **7.50** FYI Daily **7.55** **Film:** The Incredible Hulk (2008) **9.00** **Film:** American Pie 2 (2001) **10.05** FYI Daily **10.10** **Film:** American Pie 2 (2001) **11.10** Family Guy **12.55** **Film:** Forgetting Sarah Marshall (2008) **3.00** Teleshopping **ITV3** **11.10** FYI Daily **11.15** **Film:** The Secret Garden (1993) **11.15** **Film:** Columbo: The Most Dangerous Match (1973) **1.50** Wycliffe **2.55** Foyle's War **7.00** Midsomer Murders **9.00** Foyle's War **11.00** Agatha Christie's Marple **1.00** An Audience with Victoria Wood **2.00** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping **ITV4** **3.30** Quincy ME **4.30** The Professionals **5.35** Storage Wars **6.00** Storage Wars: Best of Jarrod and Brandi **6.30** Storage Wars: Best of Darrell and Brandon **7.00** Cycling: Vuelta a Espana **8.00** Cycling: Tour of Britain **9.00** **Film:** The Gauntlet (1977) **10.05** FYI Daily **10.10** **Film:** The Gauntlet (1977) **11.15** **Film:** Double Jeopardy (1999) **12.15** FYI Daily **12.20** **Film:** Double Jeopardy (1999) **1.30** Minder **2.25** Tommy Cooper **E4** **11.30** **Film:** The Tigger Movie (2000) **1.00** The Big Bang Theory **1.55** Streetmate **3.00** Don't Tell the Bride **4.00** The Great British Bake Off **5.15** The Great British Bake Off: An Extra Slice **6.05** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** **Film:** The A-Team (2010) **11.20** Naked Attraction **Film4** **11.00** Destry Rides Again (1939) **1.00** Napoleon Dynamite (2004) **2.50** Marmaduke (2010) **4.35** The Hound of the Baskervilles (1959) **6.20** Seven Years in Tibet (1997) **9.00** Pitch Perfect (2012) **11.15** Shut In (2015) **1.00** The Texas Chainsaw Massacre 2 (1986) **3.05** Close

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Grace Jones

All New Most Shocking Moments in Pop (Channel 5, 9pm)

A countdown of outrageous events and scandals from the pop world, including Grace Jones hitting Russell Harty on his chat show, George Michael's dubious driving, Solange's bust-up with Jay-Z, rock 'n' roll excess by 1970s rock band Deep Purple and the triumphant occasion when Sophie Ellis Bextor beat Victoria Beckham to the number one spot in the charts. With contributions from Rick Wakeman, Cheryl Baker, Liz McClarnon, Matt Richardson and Nina Myskow.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **7.05** Match of the Day. (R) **8.30** The Andrew Marr Show. **9.30** Great North Run. Gabby Logan presents coverage of the half-marathon that runs from Newcastle upon Tyne to South Shields, with approximately 57,000 runners set to take part this time around. **1.30** BBC News: Weather. **1.45** Fake or Fortune? (R) **2.45** Money for Nothing. (R) **3.30** Escape to the Country. (R) **4.15** Points of View. **4.30** Songs of Praise. **5.05** Film: Shrek 2. (2004) Animated adventure sequel, with the voice of Mike Myers.

6.30 BBC News.

6.50 Regional Programme.

7.00 Countryfile. Ellie Harrison presents the show from Cornwall's Rame Peninsula, revealing the story of the area's last fisherman, who continues to use the traditional methods of his forefathers and is and is passing his skills on to disadvantaged youngsters. Plus, Tom Heap goes in search of Britain's traditional craftsmen and women.

8.00 Fake or Fortune? Fiona Bruce and Philip Mould investigate the history of two pictures, both of which are believed to be by Paul Gauguin, one of the giants of 19th-century art.

9.00 Strike – The Silkworm. Part one of a two-part adaptation of the second of JK Rowling's detective novels featuring private eye Cormoran Strike. The detective is hired by the wife of a notorious author to find her missing husband, only to discover the writer has been murdered in a manner remarkably similar to a scene in one of his books.

10.00 BBC News.

10.20 Regional Programme.

10.30 Match of the Day 2. Mark Chapman reviews the latest Premier League action, featuring Swansea City v Newcastle United at the Liberty Stadium and Burnley v Crystal Palace at Turf Moor.

11.30 People Just Do Nothing. Steves kidnaps one of the KOLD FM team, driving Grindah to arrange a showdown with his rivals. Miche takes Angela's role in the school play a little too seriously.

12.00 Film: The Rebound. (2009) Romantic comedy starring Catherine Zeta-Jones and Justin Bartha. **1.30** Weather for the Week Ahead. **1.35** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 The Instant Gardener. (R) **6.45** Garden Rescue. (R) **7.30** Gardeners' World. (R) **8.30** The Beechgrove Garden. **9.00** Countryfile. (R) **10.00** The Hair Bikers: Northern Exposure. (R) **11.00** My Life on a Plate. (R) **11.45** Lorraine's Fast, Fresh and Easy Food. (R) **12.15** MOTD2 Extra. **1.00** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.45** Film: Grand Prix. (1966) Motor racing drama, starring James Garner. **4.30** Coast. (R) **5.00** Flog It! (R)

6.00 Great North Run Highlights. Ore Oduba presents action from the half-marathon that ran from Newcastle upon Tyne to South Shields, as Vivian Cheruiyot attempted to retain her title in the women's elite race. With commentary from Steve Cram, Andrew Cotter and Paula Radcliffe, and reports by JJ Chalmers, Denise Lewis and Colin Jackson.

7.00 Tribes. Predators & Me. Gordon Buchanan sets out to gain a new understanding of fierce predators by meeting different tribes that hunt and live alongside them. He begins on Owaripi in the Solomon Islands, where the local men encounter dangerous sharks almost every day, even swimming alongside them as they feed for the fish they need to survive. (R)

8.00 Astronauts: Do You Have What It Takes? The remaining candidates head to a secret facility in Sweden, where they are deliberately deprived of oxygen to see if they can recognise the signs of hypoxia.

9.00 Dragons' Den. The panel assess the profit-making potential of business plans involving beach towels, a range of novelty plush goods, and a form of packaging based around air.

10.00 Best Album 2017: Meet the Mercury Prize Nominees. Documentary previewing the shortlisted artists for 2017, hearing from musicians from the vanguard of crime, performance poetry and guitar rock.

10.30 Film: Broken. (2012) An 11-year-old girl witnesses a man being attacked by her neighbour, which destroys her innocent outlook on life. Drama, with Eloise Laurence, Tim Roth and Cillian Murphy.

11.55 Film: False Trail. (2011) Mystery, with Rolf Lassgård.

2.00 Sign Zone. Countryfile. (R) **2.55** Holby City. (R) **3.55** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

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6.00 Tipping Point: Lucky Stars. Ben Shephard presents a celebrity edition of the quiz, in which contestants Julian Clary, Sara Cox and Alan Halsall answer questions to win turns on the arcade-style machine.

7.00 Coronation Street. Anna discovers Faye's plan to run away with Seb, family secrets threaten Peter and Toyah's future, and a frightened Rita has a go at Norris.

8.00 The X Factor. Dermot O'Leary presents the fourth rounds of auditions, as more would-be stars perform for Louis Walsh, Nicole Scherzinger, Sharon Osbourne and Simon Cowell.

9.00 Victoria. The queen is moved by the plight of a silk weaver in Spitalfields, and decides to throw a lavish medieval ball at the palace to help, with all attendees wearing outfits made in the area. Albert has his doubts about the plan, but finds himself seduced by the grandeur of the event. However, while the evening proves a success, reuniting old friends and creating new romances, it is greeted with outrage by the discontented public. **10.05** ITV News: Weather.

10.20 Judge Rinder's Crime Stories. Barrister Robert Rinder examines the case of Gary Nelson, who murdered a bouncer and a community police officer, and was the subject of a 13-year investigation. (R)

11.20 Gold Rings. (R) **12.20** Jackpot247. **3.00** Motorsport UK.

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Last Man Standing. **6.25** Last Man Standing. **6.45** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.10** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.35** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.00** Mission Employable. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** The Simpsons. (R) **12.55** The Simpsons. (R) **1.25** The Simpsons. (R) **1.50** Film: The Core. (2003) Sci-fi thriller, starring Aaron Eckhart. **2.40** The Crystal Maze. (R) **5.25** The Great British Bake Off. (R)

6.40 Channel 4 News. **7.00** Amazing Spaces Shed of the Year. George Clarke presents the entries in the Historic and Workshops and Studios categories. Among the finalists in these areas are a shed where a bestselling trilogy of novels were written and a build in Wales used for making prosthetic limbs for children around the world.

8.00 From Russia to Iran: Crossing the Wild Frontier. Levison Wood completes the last 1000 miles of his journey, travelling through Armenia and the Republic of Iran as he heads for the shores of the Caspian Sea. He meets a photojournalist documenting the struggle between Armenia and Azerbaijan for the contested state of Nagorno-Karabakh, and risks heading to the front line, where he meets a family caught in the crossfire and soldiers serving in the trenches. He also visits one of the world's largest salt lakes and joins a biker gang for a tour of Tehran. Last in the series.

9.00 Film: Kingsman: The Secret Service. (2015) Premiere. A streetwise teenager is taken under the wing of his dead father's old colleague, an agent working for a super-secret spy organisation. Will the youngster prove to be a chip off the old block by proving useful during a battle against a twisted, hi-tech genius? Action comedy based on a comic book, starring Colin Firth, Taron Egerton and Samuel L Jackson.

11.35 Film: Sin City: A Dame to Kill For. (2014) Compilation of four stories of crime and betrayal set in a dangerous city. Crime thriller sequel based on the comic-book series, starring Eva Green and Mickey Rourke.

1.25 Bruce Springsteen: In His Words. (R) **2.50** Gillette World Sport. **3.15** KOTV Boxing Weekly.

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Poppy Cat. **6.10** Little Princess. (R) **6.25** Mr Men. (R) **6.35** Milkshake! Monkey. (R) **6.40** Milkshake! Bopping About. (R) **6.45** Simon. (R) **6.50** Peppa Pig. (R) **6.55** Wissper. (R) **7.00** Bob the Builder. (R) **7.15** Fireman Sam. (R) **7.25** Oily the Little White Van. (R) **7.30** Paw Patrol. (R) **7.45** Blaze and the Monster Machines. (R) **8.15** Noddy: Toyland Detective. (R) **8.35** Floogals. (R) **8.50** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.00** Shimmer and Shine. (R) **9.15** Digby Dragon. (R) **9.35** Peppa Pig. (R) **9.40** Peppa Pig. (R) **9.45** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **10.00** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **10.35** Football on 5: The Championship. (R) **11.30** Football on 5: Goal Rush. (R) **12.00** All New Traffic Cops. (R) **1.00** All New Traffic Cops. (R) **2.00** All New Traffic Cops. (R) **3.05** All New Traffic Cops. (R) **4.05** All New Traffic Cops. (R) **5.05** All New Traffic Cops. (R)

6.05 All New Traffic Cops. Officers from the West Yorkshire Safer Roads team pursue a disqualified driver through Bradford, while a pensioner is knocked down in a hit-and-run incident in York. (R)

7.00 Cricket on 5. England v West Indies.

8.00 Aviva Premiership Rugby Highlights. Mark Durden-Smith and David Flatman introduce highlights from the second weekend of matches, including Northampton Saints v Leicester Tigers at Franklin's Gardens.

8.55 5 News Weekend.

9.00 All New Most Shocking Moments in Pop. A countdown of outrageous events and scandals from the pop world, including Grace Jones hitting Russell Harty on his chat show, George Michael's dubious driving, Solange's bust-up with Jay-Z, rock 'n' roll excess by 1970s rock band Deep Purple and the triumphant occasion when Sophie Ellis Bextor beat Victoria Beckham to the number one spot in the charts. With contributions from Rick Wakeman, Cheryl Baker, Liz McClarnon, Matt Richardson and Nina Myskow.

11.55 The Last Hours of Elvis Presley. Forensic pathologist Dr Richard Shepherd re-examines the medical evidence relating to the death of the American singer, who died in August 1977 at the age of 42. (R)

12.55 SuperCasino. **3.10** Liberate: In Life and Death. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Four

7.00 The Making of King Arthur **8.00** The Joy of Train Sets – The Model Railway Story **9.00** Horizon: Asteroids – The Good, the Bad and the Ugly **10.00** The Sky at Night **10.30** The 21st Century Race for Space **11.30** Horizon: Can We Make a Star on Earth? **12.30** Precision: The Measure of All Things **1.30** Horizon: Asteroids – The Good, the Bad and the Ugly **2.30** The Joy of Train Sets – The Model Railway Story **3.30** Close

ITV2

11.10 2Awesome: Ready, Set, Style **11.50** 2Awesome: Third Wheel **11.50** The X Factor **1.05** Take Me Out **2.10** You've Been Framed! Gold **2.40** Film: Beethoven's 2nd (1993) **3.40** FYI Daily **3.45** Film: Beethoven's 2nd (1993) **4.25** Film: Step Up 2: The Streets (2008) **5.25** FYI Daily **5.30** Film: Step Up 2: The Streets (2008) **6.25** Film: King Kong (2005) **7.25** FYI Daily **7.30** Film: King Kong (2005) **10.00** Family Guy **12.00** American Dad! **1.30** The Cleveland Show **2.25** Teleshopping **5.55** ITV2 NightScreen

ITV3

12.25 Wycliffe **1.30** Film: Columbo: A Deadly State of Mind (1975) **3.05** Film: Carry On Matron (1972) **4.10** FYI Daily **4.15** Film: Carry On Matron (1972) **4.55** Agatha Christie's Marple **7.00** Midsomer Murders **9.00** Sunday Night at the Palladium **10.00** An Audience with Victoria Wood **11.10** Foyle's War

ITV4

4.00 Pawn Stars **5.00** Film: The Pink Panther (1963) **6.00** FYI Daily **6.05** Film: The Pink Panther (1963) **7.30** River Monsters **8.00** Cycling: Tour of Britain **9.00** Car Crash Britain **10.00** Cycling: Vuelta a Espana **11.05** Film: United 93 (2006) **12.10** FYI Daily **12.15** Film: United 93 (2006) **1.15** Film: Halloween H20 (1998) **2.15** FYI Daily **2.20** Film: Halloween H20 (1998)

E4

11.00 Made in Chelsea: Ibiza **12.00** Don't Tell the Bride **1.00** Streetmate **2.05** Film: Robots (2005) **3.55** Toy Story Toons: Partysaurus Rex **4.05** The Goldbergs **5.05** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** Film: Bad Teacher (2011) **10.50** Naked Attraction **11.50** Gogglebox

Film4

11.00 The Day the Earth Stood Still (1951) **1.00** Just Wright (2010) **3.00** Carry On Cabby (1963) **4.45** Bridge to Terabithia (2007) **6.35** Snow White & the Huntsman (2012) **9.00** Gladiator (2000) **12.00** Dogtooth (2009) **1.50** Cyrus (2010) **3.40** Close

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FILM CHOICES

MONDAY
The Frozen Ground, Channel 5, 11.05pm
 An Alaska state trooper tries to bring a serial killer who has been terrorising the Anchorage area for 13 years to justice. When a woman escapes the maniac's clutches, the lawman seeks her help in identifying him, but finds he will have a hard time earning her trust. Fact-based crime drama, with Nicolas Cage, John Cusack and Vanessa Hudgens. (2013)

TUESDAY
A Wife's Nightmare, Channel 5, 3.15pm
 A woman who has just recovered from a mental breakdown returns home to pick up the pieces of her life – but her plans are thrown into disarray when a teenage girl claiming to be her husband's long-lost daughter arrives on her doorstep. Drama based on a true story, starring Jennifer Beals. (2014)

WEDNESDAY
Wall of Silence, Channel 5, 3.15pm
 When a university student goes missing, her mother, a former police officer, goes in search for her. But what she encounters is a wall of academia bureaucracy and cover-ups that point to an abuse of authority stemming all the way to the government. Thriller, starring Ireland Baldwin, Victoria Pratt and Morgan Taylor Campbell. (2016)



Rogue, Friday, BBC1, 12.05am

THURSDAY
Boyfriend Killer, Channel 5, 3.15pm
 A grieving mother goes through her dead son's social media accounts to salvage any photos and let his friends know of his death. But when she finds some messages between him and his vindictive girlfriend, she begins to suspect the young woman may have been involved in his death. Thriller, starring Barbie Castro, Patrick Muldoon and Kate Mansi. (2017)

FRIDAY
Rogue, BBC1, 12.05am
 A captain taking a group of tourists on a trip through the Australian Outback is persuaded to travel into uncharted part of the river. The travellers then discover they have strayed into the territory of a ferocious crocodile and face a battle for survival. Thriller, starring Radha Mitchell. (2007)

Duo are caught up in a web of intrigue in new series

Typical – you wait months for a new six-part series from Jack and Harry Williams, the writers and creators of *The Missing*, and then two come along at once.

Yes, on the same evening that BBC1 launches *Rellik* (killer spelled backwards, in case you were wondering), ITV brings us *Liar*. At first glance, the Beeb's series bears more of the Williams' hallmarks – just as *The Missing* played out across different timelines, *Rellik* starts with capture of a serial killer, and then goes back to the beginning to explore what made them into a murderer.

However, *Liar* has a simpler idea, which was part of the plan. The Williams siblings say: "We were excited about exploring something with more dramatic simplicity – a linear story focusing on one single incident."

"In *Liar* we sought to explore modern day gender politics through a narrative built upon two fundamentally conflicting recollections of one night, in a way which we hope will challenge and

surprise audiences."

If that wasn't intriguing enough, the series also boasts an impressive cast, including *Downton Abbey*'s Joanne Froggatt and one-time *Fantastic Four* star Ioan Gruffudd, who was tempted back from Hollywood to tackle his role in *Liar*.

He says: "The reason I'm back home in the UK, and back on British television for the first time in a decade is Harry and Jack's script. I received their scripts in LA, the first three episodes, and sat down to read the first one and then proceeded to read all of them in one go. I just couldn't put them down."

He stars as Andrew Earlam, a widowed surgeon who is set up on a date with his colleague's sister Laura (Froggatt), who also happens to be Andrew's son's teacher. She's been reluctant to look for love following the end of her long-term relationship, but their date initially seems to go very well.

However, the morning after it's

clear that something has changed as gossip and accusations begin to circulate, and the two find themselves drawn into a web of deceit.

Gruffudd says: "When Andrew is accused it offends him greatly, his status in the community is very important to him. He's a very proud of what he has achieved, and I think it shakes him to his core, he's angry, and he's shocked. I think one of the driving forces of his anger is the fact that how he is perceived by the world has changed, and I think that really makes him angry."

But is he right to feel aggrieved? It seems that getting to the truth is not going to be easy. Gruffudd says: "Every character in the show has secrets that are revealed at some point or another. We all hide things from one another, we all tell white lies, innocent lies, and sometimes those lies can be exaggerated and can have real consequences. So, not every person in the series is who they are cracked up to be..."



Ioan Gruffudd stars in *Liar*, Monday, ITV, 9pm

BEST OF THE REST

MONDAY
Upstart Crow
BBC2, 8.30pm
 New series. Will is desperate to make a good impression with the College of Heralds so he can get his family a coat of arms and finally make the Shakespeares posh. So when African royal Prince Otello comes to town, the aspiring playwright decides that befriending him is the perfect opportunity to make a favourable impression amongst the gentry. David Mitchell returns as William Shakespeare in Ben Elton's comedy, guest starring Steve Toussaint, with Harry Enfield, Paula Wilcox, Liza Tarbuck and Mark Heap.

TUESDAY
Horizon: Mars - A Traveller's Guide
BBC2, 9pm
 The world's leading experts discuss where they would go on Mars, if they got the chance, and what they would need to survive on the planet. In the ultimate traveller's guide to Mars and using real images and data, *Horizon* brings Martian landmarks to life, from vast plains and towering volcanoes to deep valleys and hidden underground caverns, and also show where to land, where to live and even where to hunt for traces of extraterrestrial life. Narrated by Mark Gatiss.

WEDNESDAY
The Other One
BBC2, 10pm
 A comedy about two sisters who share the same name, Catherine Walcott, but had no idea the other existed until their father passed away. One sister, Cathy, has a fiancée, a Duke of Edinburgh Award, and a pension. The other sister, Cat, has a pay-as-you-go phone. The two sisters are complete opposites in every way, and the only thing they seem to have in common are their names. Both of them have always longed for a sister – just maybe not each other. Starring Ellie White, Lauren Socha and Rebecca Front.

THURSDAY
No Limits: Vietnam
BBC1, 8pm
 For the curious with long memories, this is not a revival of the old Lisa Maxwell/Jenny Powell entertainment series from 30-plus years ago. Instead, it centres on six Britons who embark on an ambitious road trip by modified motorbike and modified 4x4 along Vietnam's Ho Chi Minh Trail. A tricky enough trek for the able

bodied, but as everyone on the journey is disabled, travelling almost 1,000 miles, through traffic-jammed cities to mountainous rural tracks pushes our ambitious travellers to breaking point. They will be staying with remote indigenous people; exploring stunning cave systems, and meeting locals - many of who live with disability courtesy of the Vietnam War. A refreshingly different travelogue which should inspire millions.

Lego Masters
Channel 4, 8pm
 The three remaining teams are challenged to create a build that reflects the inner workings of a child's storytelling imagination. They must each listen to a six-year old's story and then have three hours to bring their tales to life using Lego. The best two then take part in the final master build, for which they have two weeks to realise a structure measuring 2x2



Comedy Playhouse: Static, Friday, BBC1, 10.35pm

metres and using up to half-a-million bricks. They will be unveiled to the public at the Design Museum in London, where comedian and Lego enthusiast Dara O Briain joins Matthew Ashton to choose the winner. Last in the series.

FRIDAY
Cold Feet
ITV, 9pm
 Baby-making miscommunication drives a wedge between Adam and Tina, while Karen's new business partner is concerned by the health of her accounts. Jenny inadvertently drops her colleagues in it when she tells her boss they could afford to lose a few employees. She will get to choose who makes the cut, but back home Pete is horrified by her behaviour and begins to wonder just what he has unleashed. Comedy drama, starring James Nesbitt, Leanne Best, Hermione Norris, John Thomson, Fay Ripley and Robert Bathurst.

Comedy Playhouse: Static
BBC1, 10.35pm
 One-off sitcom about a man who makes plans to move back in with his parents – only to find they have sold the house and moved to a static caravan park in Margate. Co-written by and starring Rob Beckett, with Alison Steadman and Phil Davis.

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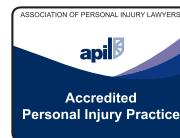
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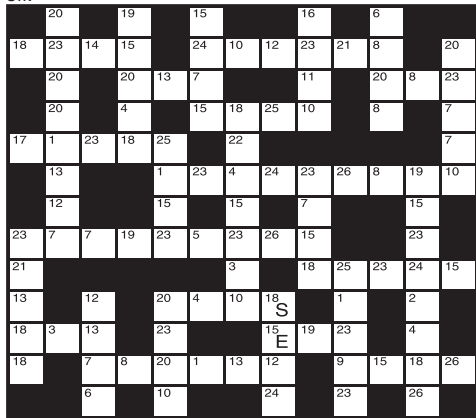


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Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
R	A	S	P	D	J	V	O	Z	C	X	N	F

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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

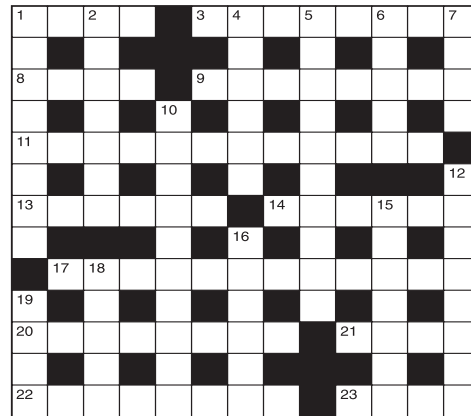
Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. A blow on the wrist, perhaps (4)
3. Cheers ironically when soldiers' quarters are seen (8)
8. Paper appearing again in the morning (4)
9. Crop made to be set beside others (8)
11. Bury part at the crossing (12)
13. A doctor with one foot loose (6)
14. Stagger on the street in a leisurely walk (6)
17. Study not permanent at the same time (12)
20. It's a disadvantage to lure a defender out (8)
21. Ancient Queen who achieved nothing (4)
22. Feeling that makes one hand on? (8)
23. Where the responsibility lies? (4)

Down

1. Church dignitary has vehicle to take Linda out (8)
2. Praise insincerely when some of the sparkle lost? (7)
4. Loves to read so (6)
5. Solicit again for a second occurrence (10)
6. The vehicle is to leave with freight (5)
7. The team has a pretentious air (4)
10. It's lucrative for those who are healthy and skilled (10)
12. Pleasure-loving youths in the theatre? (8)
15. Ivan, too, gets enthusiastic applause (7)
16. Hits fishing vessels (6)
18. Examinations in which results are poor also (5)
19. Poetry does, in a way (4)



Quick Clues:

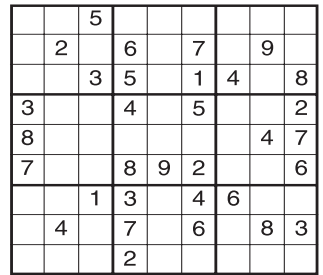
Across

1. Bucket (4)
3. Souvenir (8)
8. Plunder (4)
9. Stick out (8)
11. Teach thoroughly (12)
13. Very hot (6)
14. Smirk (6)
17. Good spirits (12)
20. Respite (8)
21. Equitable (4)
22. Uninhabited (8)
23. Otherwise (4)

Down

1. Mollify (8)
2. Fit for use (2,5)
4. Mistakes (6)
5. Impalpable (10)
6. Scepticism (5)
7. Smoke (4)
10. Fortuitous (10)
12. Keep (8)
15. Overcome (7)
16. Influence (6)
18. Obeys (5)
19. Retired (4)

Sudoku



Fill in the grid above so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS:

2	5	9	7	6	1	8	4	3
7	8	4	5	3	2	9	6	1
1	3	6	4	8	9	7	2	5
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6	4	8	1	2	3	5	7	9
9	2	3	6	7	5	4	1	8
5	7	1	9	4	8	2	3	6

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Masterpiece; 9 Trips up; 10 Awash; 11 Theta; 12 Sweater; 13 Poster; 15 Sparse; 18 Perches; 20 Aorta; 22 Rated; 23 Expound; 24 Threatening. Down: 2 Amine; 3 Testate; 4 Repose; 5 Image; 6 Chapter; 7 State papers; 8 Chargehands; 14 Scratch; 16 Playpen; 17 Ascent; 19 Hedge; 21 Rouen.
QUICK - Across: 1 Fashionable; 9 Riddled; 10 Out; 11 Panic; 12 Teacher; 13 Neatly; 15 Status; 18 Unaware; 20 Put on; 22 Trend; 23 Diocese; 24 Predominate. Down: 2 Add on; 3 Helical; 4 Oddity; 5 Aroma; 6 Latchet; 7 Propinquity; 8 Represented; 14 Amateur; 16 Typhoon; 17 Seldom; 19 Aided; 21 Treat.

Quiz

1. Which actor married ex-Pan's People dancer Babs Lord in 1975?
2. To which family of fish does the bream belong?
3. In which year did China's elder statesman Deng Xiaoping die?
4. How many symphonies did Brahms write?
5. What is another name for common heather?
6. How many ares are there in a hectare?
7. Which Kirov Ballet star defected in 1970?
8. Which Royal residence was rebuilt by John Nash in 1821-36?
9. Which Verdi opera is based on the Dumas novel The Lady of the Camellias?
10. What was J Arthur Rank's first name?

Last week's solutions:

Quiz: 1 The Eucharist; 2 Fez; 3 One pound coin; 4 Saccharin; 5 Peter Cook; 6 Master of the King's Musick; 7 Brandy; 8 Bratislava; 9 Berkshire; 10 Heidi.
Niner: NURSEMAID

Niner

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

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gives a creepy crawlly,
gives a second creepy crawlly,
gives creepy crawlies.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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But I do recall a handwritten inscription in my copy of Moominpappa At Sea, promising the Moomins would take me on a special adventure one day.

Now I'm standing in front of a first edition illustrated book sleeve, part of a 2,000-strong collection of drawings, triptychs and related paraphernalia on rotated display at the world's only Moomin Museum, which recently opened in Tampere, a two-hour train ride north from Helsinki.

PHENOMENON

Since Finnish artist, sculptor and illustrator Tove Jansson published her first book in 1945, the magical Moominvalley has become a worldwide cult phenomenon; children are drawn to the playful, fanciful characters, while the droll humour and philosophical allegories resonate with an older audience.

Tove's Moomin work was donated to the Tampere Art Museum in 1986, after Helsinki City Museum declined the collection on the basis it wasn't 'proper art'. A temporary exhibition of 100 pieces in the Tampere gallery's basement lasted for three decades, until structural damage resulted in an evacuation three years ago.

Moomin Museum Director Taina Myllyharju was given an 'almost unlimited' budget to employ the best architects, artists and designers in her quest for creating

Visitors to the impressive Helsinki Cathedral



The Rauhaniemi public sauna in Tampere



a new space in the park-fringed Tampere Hall.

A reading library stocks the 12 Moomin books in multiple languages, and a shop sells themed postcards and stamps (conveniently, there's a postbox on site) and exclusive merchandise given the seal of approval by Tove's niece, Sophia Jansson.

"We even have the world's only Moomin conservator," Taina proudly proclaims.

Restoring the works, particularly the detailed triptychs Tove worked on with her life partner, graphic artist Tuulikki Pietila, was a painstaking business. Often, the

women would use anything they could find lying around in the summer cottage they shared on remote island Klovharu. These colourful 3D scenes were ephemeral snatches of imagination; they weren't designed to last.

Crossing a wasteland on spindly, insect-leg stilts, Moomintroll and Sniff stare up at a cobweb-shrouded model schooner. The Jansson family heirloom forms the centrepiece of a tableau from the apocalyptic Comet in Moominland, which critics have linked to post-war gloom and the looming spectre of nuclear attacks.

And in another carefully crafted model, pieces of

Pietila's and Tove's own jewellery festoon a winter scene where Christmas is a fearful creature who must be appeased with a fir tree.

I get the impression that with every seashell collected and each piece of Styrofoam painted and glued, the two artists climbed further into their fantasy world and the act of doing became a form of escapism.

Under the cover of darkness, I comfortably sink into the Moomin's make-believe world, with the help of several interactive displays

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An ideal family home in a sought-after location

In a sought-after village location, 11 Julian Close, Great Wyrley, is a well proportioned house that would make an ideal family home.

With early viewings being highly recommended, it is for sale through Paul Carr at £199,995.

Benefitting from central heating and double glazing the accommodation includes light and spacious lounge having a feature fireplace with a 'living flame' gas fire inset and separate dining room with French doors opening into the garden.

Completing the ground floor there is the well appointed kitchen with wall and base units and a gas cooker point, a guest WC and a useful utility room with plumbing for a washing machine and a dishwasher.

To the first floor there are three good sized bedrooms, two of which are generous doubles, and the shower room with a white suite comprising a WC, a wash basin and a shower cubicle with an electric shower over.

Externally the rear garden is laid mainly to lawn with a timber decked seating area and there is driveway parking to the front of the property.

A spokesman for the selling agents said: "This is a well proportioned detached residence set in a popular cul-de-sac location."

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£210,000

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Its accommodation includes a porch, an entrance hallway, a lounge/diner, kitchen/diner, three bedrooms, a family bathroom, an enclosed rear garden and not one but two conservatories. Viewing is highly recommended.

Upstairs all three bedrooms have laminate flooring and bedroom three has a shower cubicle.

Contact butters john bee on 01543 500030.



Stunning home boasts a stylish new bathroom

CANNOCK
£260,000

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A stunning two/three-bedroomed detached bungalow, 5 Field Street, Cannock is for sale through DB Roberts & Partners at £260,000.

Sat back from the road is this modern property has accommodation briefly comprising of an entrance hallway, a modern fitted kitchen, three bedrooms with the third currently being used as a second living room.

There is also a newly fitted bathroom and a separate WC.

The conservatory spreads across the back of the home and is currently used as a living/dining room and has views out to the mature rear garden which has a garden shed, bar and two laid seating areas.

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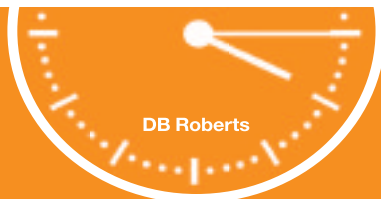
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South Close Cannock



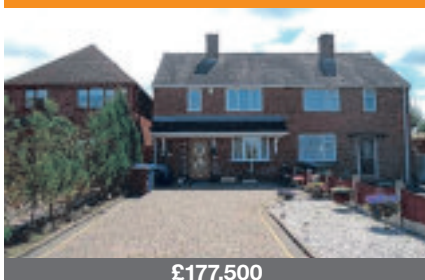
- Auction T & C's Apply • Two Bedroom Bungalow
- Pleasant Cul De Sac Location • Lounge Diner
- No Chain & Must Be Viewed • EPC = E

Bank Street Heath Hayes



- Two Bedroom Semi-Detached • Open Plan Lounge Diner
- Driveway To The Front • Rear Garden
- Potential To Extend • EPC = E

Bideford Way Cannock



- Three Bedroom Semi Detached • Open Plan Lounge Diner
- Conservatory • Rear Garden
- Driveway to the Front • EPC = D

Field Street Cannock



- Stunning Detached Bungalow
- 2/3 Bedrooms
- Fitted Kitchen and Bathroom
- Conservatory
- Flexible Accommodation
- Mature Rear Garden
- Driveway & Car Port
- EPC = D



£260,000

Cygnat Close Hednesford



- One Bedroom Apartment • First Floor
- Allocated Parking • Open Plan Living / Dining Room
- Electric Storage Heaters • EPC = D

Boston Close Heath Hayes



- Three Bedroom Semi Detached House • Kitchen Diner
- Modern Bathroom with Bath & Shower • Utility Area
- Paved Rear Garden for Off Street Parking • EPC = D

Foster Avenue Hednesford



- Three Bedrooms • Detached House
- Two Reception Rooms • Driveway & Detached Garage
- Rear Garden • EPC = E

0.9%

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NO SALE - NO FEE

SALES LETTINGS MANAGEMENT AUCTIONS SURVEYS COMMERCIAL EPC's

THE COTTAGE, BROADHURST GREEN ROAD, HEDNESFORD



TWO BEDROOMED DETACHED HOUSE WITH RANGE OF OUTBUILDINGS AND LAND EXTENDING TO APPROX 2.5 OF AN ACRE

- ◆ Open plan lounge/ kitchen area
- ◆ Bathroom
- ◆ Landing
- ◆ Two bedrooms
- ◆ Outside utility room
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Extensive range of outbuildings
- ◆ Occupation subject to being solely or mainly employed in agriculture or forestry industry
- ◆ EPC rating E (47)

£325,000 FREEHOLD

THE ORCHARD, 368 CANNOCK ROAD, HEATH HAYES



IMPROVED IMMACULATELY MAINTAINED THREE BEDROOMED DETACHED HOUSE WITH DUAL FRONTAGE Convenient For Facilities at Heath Hayes and Cannock Centres

- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Fitted dining kitchen
- ◆ Three bedrooms
- ◆ Bathroom
- ◆ Off road parking
- ◆ Well laid out gardens
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Intruder alarm
- ◆ EPC rating tbc

£194,950 FREEHOLD

232A ECCLESHALL ROAD, STAFFORD



WELL EQUIPPED FOUR BEDROOMED DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE LOCATED IN POPULAR RESIDENTIAL AREA OF STAFFORD Convenient For Facilities At The Town Centre

- ◆ Reception hall and cloakroom
- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Open plan fitted dining kitchen
- ◆ Four bedrooms
- ◆ Ensuite shower room and family bathroom
- ◆ Integral garage and landscaped garden
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Gas central heating
- ◆ Intruder alarm
- ◆ EPC rating B (83)

£349,950 FREEHOLD

21 HILL STREET, HEDNESFORD



EXTENDED AND IMPROVED FOUR BEDROOMED LINK DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE WITH SECURE SIDE GATED DRIVE/ PARKING AREA
Located In Popular Residential Area Convenient For Facilities at Hednesford Centre

- ◆ Lounge and dining room
- ◆ Kitchen
- ◆ Cloakroom with WC
- ◆ Four bedrooms
- ◆ Bathroom and separate toilet
- ◆ Garage and secure side gated drive
- ◆ Intruder alarm
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ EPC rating D (67)

£209,950 FREEHOLD

'CHADCROFTS', 25 SANDY LANE, CANNOCK



CONSIDERABLY IMPROVED AND EXTENDED INDIVIDUAL DETACHED HOUSE OFFERING FLEXIBLE 3/4 BEDROOMED ACCOMMODATION
Located In Much Sought After Shoal Hill Residential Area of the Town in Secluded Private Drive

- ◆ Vestibule and reception hall
- ◆ Lounge, study and snug
- ◆ Fitted kitchen with breakfast area
- ◆ Four bedrooms
- ◆ Refitted bathroom and ensuite shower room
- ◆ Well stocked gardens
- ◆ Two garages
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ EPC rating D (59)

£495,000 FREEHOLD

18 NEWHALL STREET, CANNOCK



IMPROVED WELL EQUIPPED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE Conveniently Located To The Town Centre

- ◆ Entrance lobby
- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Dining room
- ◆ Kitchen
- ◆ Three bedrooms
- ◆ Bathroom
- ◆ Landscaped garden
- ◆ Off road parking to rear (subject to permit)
- ◆ Of interest to the first time buyer
- ◆ EPC rating tbc

£139,950

14 SILVER FIR CLOSE, HEDNESFORD



TWO BEDROOMED END MEWS HOUSE
located In Popular Cul-De-Sac Within Reach of Facilities at Cannock and Hednesford and Cannock Chase

- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Breakfast kitchen
- ◆ Double glazed conservatory
- ◆ Two bedrooms
- ◆ Bathroom
- ◆ Gardens
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ EPC rating tbc

£136,950 FREEHOLD

THE OAKLANDS, 6 KENDERDINE CLOSE, BEDNALL



NEW PRICE NO CHAIN
CONSIDERABLY IMPROVED WELL EQUIPPED FIVE BEDROOMED DETACHED FAMILY RESIDENCE ENJOYING VIEWS OVER GREENBELT FARMLAND TO REAR
In Popular Cul-De-Sac On The Edge Of This Much Sought After South Staffordshire Village

- ◆ Three reception rooms
- ◆ Refitted kitchen and utility
- ◆ Double glazed conservatory
- ◆ Five bedrooms
- ◆ Refitted family bathroom and ensuite shower room
- ◆ Detached double width garage
- ◆ Landscaped private rear gardens
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Intruder alarm
- ◆ EPC rating C (72)

£575,000 FREEHOLD

208 LONGFORD ROAD, CANNOCK



CONSIDERABLY IMPROVED EXTENDED THREE BEDROOMED DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE
Located In Much Sought After Residential Area of Cannock Conveniently Located For Facilities

- ◆ Reception hall
- ◆ Cloaks/shower room
- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Open plan refitted dining/family/kitchen
- ◆ Three bedrooms
- ◆ Refitted bathroom
- ◆ Built on garage and gardens
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ EPC rating C (71)

£285,000 FREEHOLD

29 KINGS ROAD, CALF HEATH

MOST SPACIOUS WELL EQUIPPED FIVE BEDROOMED DETACHED HOUSE OFFERING EXTENSIVE FAMILY ACCOMMODATION ON THREE FLOORS
Located In This Popular South Staffordshire Village



- ◆ Central reception hall and cloakroom
- ◆ Three reception rooms
- ◆ Fitted breakfast kitchen and utility
- ◆ Five bedrooms
- ◆ Dressing room and two en-suites
- ◆ Family bathroom
- ◆ Detached double width garage
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ EPC rating tbc

£549,950 FREEHOLD

IVY HOUSE BARN, SLINDON, ECCLESHALL



DETACHED THREE BEDROOMED BARN CONVERSION RESIDENCE OFFERING CHARACTERFUL WELL EQUIPPED FAMILY ACCOMMODATION AND EQUESTRIAN FACILITIES INCLUDING STABLE BLOCK WITH TACK ROOM, MENAGE, GARAGE AND SECURE OFF ROAD PARKING TOGETHER WITH ORNAMENTAL GARDENS AND PADDOCKS EXTENDING TO APPROXIMATELY 7.9 ACRES CONVENIENT FOR FACILITIES AT ECCLESHALL

- ◆ Reception hall
- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Fitted dining kitchen
- ◆ Three double bedrooms
- ◆ Ensuite shower room and bathroom
- ◆ Secure off road parking
- ◆ Detached double garage
- ◆ Five stables, tack room and menage
- ◆ Gardens and paddocks extending to 7.9 of an acre approx
- ◆ EPC rating E (45)

£765,000 FREEHOLD

104 HATHERTON ROAD, CANNOCK



AN EXTENDED WELL EQUIPPED FIVE BEDROOMED FAMILY RESIDENCE
Located In Sought After Residential Area of The Town

- ◆ Enclosed porch & reception hall
- ◆ Guest cloakroom with WC
- ◆ Lounge & dining room
- ◆ Kitchen (Two UPVC double glazed conservatories)
- ◆ Four first floor bedrooms & family bathroom
- ◆ Second floor bedroom & ensuite bathroom
- ◆ Gas central heating & fully double glazed
- ◆ Integral garage (limited width) & large gardens
- ◆ EPC rating D (64)

£349,950 FREEHOLD

12 ULLSWATER PLACE, CANNOCK



NEW PRICE NO CHAIN
WELL EQUIPPED SPACIOUS 3 BEDROOMED DETACHED BUNGALOW Located In popular Cul-De-Sac convenient For Facilities at the Town Centre

- ◆ Reception hall
- ◆ L shaped lounge/ dining area
- ◆ Kitchen
- ◆ Three bedrooms
- ◆ Bathroom
- ◆ Built on garage
- ◆ Well stocked gardens
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ EPC rating D (63)

£229,950 FREEHOLD

5 WAVENEY GROVE, CANNOCK.



CONSIDERABLY EXTENDED AND IMPROVED FIVE BEDROOMED DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE
Located In Popular Cul-De-Sac In Much Sought After Residential Area of The Town

- ◆ Vestibule
- ◆ Lounge and dining room
- ◆ Kitchen
- ◆ Rear porch, cloakroom with WC
- ◆ Five bedrooms
- ◆ En-suite shower room and refitted bathroom
- ◆ Integral garage and well stocked gardens
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Predominantly double glazed
- ◆ EPC rating C (71)

£385,000 FREEHOLD

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11 BEECH TREE COURT, BEECH TREE LANE, CANNOCK



LET AGREED

TWO BEDROOM SECOND FLOOR FLAT
Conveniently Located For Local Facilities

- Reception hall
- Open plan lounge/kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Allocated parking
- Secure entry system
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: C (79)

£525pcm

40 BROADMEADOW LANE, GREAT WYRLEY



TWO BEDROOM END TERRACED HOUSE
Located In Popular Residential Area

- Lounge/dining room
- Kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Built-on garage
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Gardens & off road parking
- Sorry no DSS, pets or smokers
- EPC rating: D (55)

£625pcm

324 WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD, CANNOCK



WELL APPOINTED TWO BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED BUNGALOW
Conveniently Located For Local Facilities

- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Refitted shower room
- Integral garage
- Gas central heating
- Predominantly double glazed
- Gardens
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: tbc

£650pcm

35 GORSEY LANE, CANNOCK

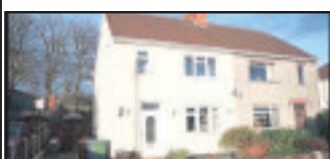


CONSIDERABLY EXTENDED AND IMPROVED FOUR BEDROOM DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE
Offering Well Equipped Accommodation Located In Much Sought After Residential Area Of The Town

- Sitting room & living room
- Double glazed conservatory
- L-shaped breakfast kitchen
- Utility room/cloaks room
- Four bedrooms
- Family bathroom
- En-suite shower room
- Extensive parking and garage
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: D (57)

£1400pcm

8 RAILWAY STREET, CANNOCK



WELL EQUIPPED THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE
Originally Built In The Popular Inter War Period Convenient For Facilities At The Town Centre

- Lounge
- Dining area
- Refitted kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Refitted shower room
- Fully double glazed
- Gas fired central heating
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: E (52)

£625pcm

4 HATHERTON HOUSE, PENKRIDGE



WELL EQUIPPED TWO BEDROOM GROUND FLOOR APARTMENT
Located In Sought After Area Convenient For Facilities At The Village Centre

- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- En-suite shower room
- Family bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Double glazed
- Allocated parking
- Sorry no pets, DSS or smokers
- EPC rating: C (77)

£550pcm

45 NORTON TERRACE, NORTON CANES



DECEPTIVELY SPACIOUS WELL PRESENTED ONE BEDROOM MID TOWN HOUSE
Located In Popular Residential Area

- Lounge
- Dining kitchen
- Double bedroom
- Bathroom
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Off road parking
- Garden to front
- Sorry no pets, DSS or smokers
- EPC rating: C (71)

£450pcm

26 OLD PENKRIDGE ROAD, CANNOCK



WELL EQUIPPED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE
Located In Much Sought After Residential Area Of The Town

- Lounge
- Dining room
- Fitted kitchen
- Verandah
- Cloakroom with WC
- Two double bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gardens
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: tbc

£725pcm

34 BROADMEADOW LANE, GREAT WYRLEY



IMPROVED WELL EQUIPPED TWO BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE
Located In Popular Residential Area

- Lounge/dining room
- Refitted kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- Refitted bathroom
- Built-on garage
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Large gardens
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: D (62)

£625pcm

FLAT 7 HATHERTON HOUSE, CROWNBRIDGE COURT, PENKRIDGE



WELL APPOINTED TWO BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR APARTMENT
Located In Sought After Development Convenient For Penkridge Village Centre

- Reception hall
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Allocated parking space
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: C (76)

£550pcm

1C CANNOCK ROAD, BURNTWOOD



WELL PRESENTED ONE BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR FLAT
Convenient For Local Facilities

- Entrance lobby
- Hall
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bedroom
- Bathroom
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: D (67)

£450pcm

16 BROMLEY CLOSE, HEDNESFORD



WELL EQUIPPED THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE
Located In Popular Residential Area

- Lounge
- Dining kitchen
- UPVC double glazed conservatory
- Three bedrooms
- Refitted bathroom
- Refitted en-suite shower room
- All windows double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: C (71)

£650pcm

INGLESIDE, TOP ROAD, ACTON TRUSSELL



SPACIOUS WELL EQUIPPED DETACHED RESIDENCE
OFFERING FLEXIBLE ACCOMMODATION COMPRISING OF THREE BEDROOM DETACHED HOUSE WITH ADDITIONAL ONE BEDROOM ANNEX Located In The Much Sought After Village of Acton Trussell

- Lounge
- Dining room & garden room
- Breakfast kitchen & utility room
- Three bedrooms
- Family bathroom & guests cloakroom
- Double garage
- Mature well stocked gardens
- Annex with lounge, kitchen & bedroom
- Sorry no smokers, pets or DSS allowed
- EPC rating: E (41)

£1350pcm

4 MARTIN GROVE, HILTON LANE, GREAT WYRLEY



SPACIOUS FIVE BEDROOM DETACHED HOUSE
Located In Popular Residential Area

- Cloakroom with WC
- Sitting room & dining room
- Study & family room
- Kitchen & Utility room
- Five bedrooms
- Three en-suite shower rooms
- Family bathroom
- Double garage
- Sorry no smokers, pets or DSS allowed
- EPC rating: C (79)

£1350pcm

10 SPIRES CROFT, SHARESILL



CONSIDERABLY IMPROVED WELL EQUIPPED FOUR BEDROOM DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE
Located In Popular Cul-De-Sac In This Much Sought After South Staffordshire Village

- Cloakroom with WC
- Lounge
- Refitted open plan dining kitchen
- Four bedrooms
- Refitted en-suite shower room
- Refitted family bathroom
- Detached double width garage
- Well stocked mature gardens
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: D (64)

£1300pcm

FIRST FLOOR FLAT, 34 MARKET STREET, HEDNESFORD



ONE BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR FLAT
Located In Hednesford Town Centre Convenient For Local Facilities And Public Transport

- Hall
- Lounge
- Bedroom
- Kitchen
- Shower Room
- Part double glazed
- Sorry no smokers or pets allowed
- DSS considered
- EPC rating: F (21)

£350pcm

40A OLD PENKRIDGE ROAD, CANNOCK



WELL EQUIPPED SELF CONTAINED ONE BEDROOM APARTMENT
Located In Much Sought After Residential Area With Views Of Cannock Park To Rear

- Reception hall
- Landing
- Open plan Lounge/kitchen
- Double bedroom
- Shower room
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- One car parking space
- Sorry no DSS, pets or smokers
- EPC rating: C (76)

£475pcm

5 BROOME WALK, HANDSACRE



SPACIOUS TWO BEDROOM GROUND FLOOR FLAT

- Entrance Lobby
- Lounge
- Refitted kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Garden
- Sorry no smokers, pets or DSS
- EPC rating: tbc

£495pcm

18 KINROSS AVENUE, HEDNESFORD



WELL APPOINTED DECEPTIVELY SPACIOUS FOUR BEDROOM DETACHED BUNGALOW
Located In Sought After Residential Area

- Lounge & dining area
- Kitchen
- Master bedroom with dressing area & en-suite
- Three further bedrooms
- Family bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Off road parking
- Sorry no DSS, pets or smokers
- EPC rating: D (58)

£850pcm

39 TOWER VIEW ROAD, GREAT WYRLEY



SPACIOUS TWO BEDROOM GROUND FLOOR FLAT

- Entrance hall
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Shower room
- Fully double glazed
- Electric heating
- Communal grounds and parking
- Sorry no smokers, pets or DSS allowed
- EPC rating: D (63)

£475pcm

4 RICKYARD PLACE, TEDDESLEY PARK ESTATE, PENKRIDGE



TWO BEDROOM BARN CONVERSION
Located On The Picturesque Country Estate Of Teddesley Park

- Open plan lounge/kitchen
- Landing
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Fully double glazed
- Oil fired central heating
- Enclosed foregarden
- Communal grounds & parking
- Sorry no smokers, pets or DSS
- EPC rating: B (82)

£595pcm (Plus Service Charge)

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Bursnips Road ESSINGTON  Lovingly restored five bedroom grade II listed detached cottage / Situated on approximately two acres of land / Retained many of its original features Offers in the Region Of £950,000	Richmond Drive BOLEY PARK  Well presented and extended detached five bedroom family home / Set on large corner plot / Several spacious sitting rooms / Open plan breakfast kitchen / Good sized private rear garden / Double garage Offers in Excess of £500,000	Stafford Brook Road RUGELEY  A rare opportunity to acquire an excellent two bedroom home / Stunning secluded location within the heart of Cannock Chase / Large plot stretching over approximately two acres Offers in Excess of £500,000	Prospect Manor Court HEDNESFORD  Spacious detached family home with four double bedrooms / Open plan breakfast kitchen / Useful study room / Detached double garage and driveway / Good sized private rear garden Offers in Excess of £350,000	Wood Lane CANNOCK  Impressive five bedroom detached dormer style house / Tastefully decorated throughout / Spacious living & sleeping accommodation / Large reception style conservatory / Detached garage / Drive for £335,000	Brownhills Road NORTON CANES  Four/five bedroom detached house / Four-five bedroom detached house / Large South facing private rear garden / New modern fitted breakfast kitchen and bathroom £325,000
Church Street RUGELEY  Immaculately presented four bedroom detached family home / Refurbished and finished to a high standard / New flooring and carpets throughout / Delightful private rear garden which is not Offers in the Region Of £325,000	St Christopher Close RAWNSLEY  Immaculately presented four bedroom detached family home / Enivable corner plot in quiet cul-de-sac / Tastefully decorated & finished to high modern standard / Driveway for up to six vehicles / £295,000	Newhall Street CANNOCK  Three bedroom period property / Highly sought after location / Several reception rooms / Charming private rear garden / Larger than average garage and driveway with off road parking Offers in the Region Of £290,000	Slitting Mill Road ETCHING HILL  Immaculately presented five bedroom family home / NO ONWARD CHAIN / Set over three stories / Delightful rural area of Slitting Mill / Stunning views of the surrounding countryside £275,000	Bond Way HEDNESFORD  Five bedroom detached house / Set within a quiet cul-de-sac / Sought after residential area / Four car driveway / Modern fitted kitchen £270,000	Colliers Way HUNTINGTON  Immaculately Presented Five Bedroom Detached House / Set Over Three Storeys / Five Double Bedrooms / Driveway With Ample Parking / Single Garage / Modern Open Plan Kitchen-Diner Offers in Excess of £250,000
Asquith Drive HEATH HAYES  Four bedroom detached house / Well established and sought after residential area / Spacious lounge and separate dining room / UPVC conservatory £250,000	Clover Meadows HEATH HAYES  Well presented four bedroom detached house / Large plot at the end of a quiet cul-de-sac / Private South facing rear garden / Spacious lounge & open plan L shaped dining kitchen Offers in Excess of £235,000	Grouse Way HEATH HAYES  Immaculately presented three bedroom detached family home / Sought after location / Open plan dining-kitchen / Three double bedrooms / Driveway and garage providing ample off road parking Offers in Excess of £230,000	Bond Way HEDNESFORD  Four bedroom detached house set within a quiet cul-de-sac / ●●●NO ONWARD CHAIN●●● / Driveway with parking for three-four vehicles / Large well appointed luxury bathroom £230,000	Holly Lane GREAT WYRLEY  Well presented and superbly maintained four bedroom semi detached house / Extended to both front & rear / Useful loft conversion offering storage space / NO ONWARD CHAIN £220,000	Railway Street NORTON CANES  Deceptively spacious and well presented three bedroom detached house / Undergone refurbishment / NO ONWARD CHAIN / Very spacious open plan lounge-diner ideal for entertaining / Large rear £220,000
Eden Close HEATH HAYES  Well presented four bedroom detached house / Set on good sized corner plot / Situated within quiet cul-de-sac location / NO ONWARD CHAIN / Off road parking for three vehicles £210,000	Fisher Street HEDNESFORD  Two bedroom semi detached bungalow / APPROVED PLANNING PERMISSION / Spacious lounge / Double bedrooms / Modern fitted kitchen & bathroom / Driveway with ample parking £195,000	Elizabeth Road CANNOCK  Three bedroom detached house set on a modern development / Spacious open plan lounge-diner / Modern fitted breakfast kitchen, bathroom, en-suite and guest w/c £190,000	The Beeches RUGELEY  Well presented three bedroom detached house / Quiet cul-de-sac / Freshly decorated throughout / Good sized private front and rear gardens / Off road parking and a garage Offers in Excess of £190,000	Radnor Rise HEDNESFORD  Three bedroom semi detached house / Quiet cul-de-sac location / Spacious open plan lounge-diner / Useful ground floor shower room / Large private rear garden which is not overlooked £185,000	Woodland Drive CHESLYN HAY  Outstanding three bedroom family home / Finished to high standard / Immaculately presented throughout / Superb contemporary open plan layout on ground floor / Newly refurbished bathroom £175,000
Badgers Way HEATH HAYES  Well presented three bedroom semi detached house / Set in sought after area / Open plan ground layout from lounge to dining area / Private rear garden / Driveway with potential to convert lawn £170,000	Dugdale Close WIMBLEBURY  Well presented three bedroom link detached house / Set on popular residential area / Lounge-diner / Private driveway with parking for up to three vehicles / Private two tier rear garden Offers in Excess of £170,000	Harebell Close HEATH HAYES  Three bedroom semi-detached house / Quiet cul-de-sac location / Spacious lounge-diner / Large full width extension on the ground floor / Driveway for two vehicles Offers in Excess of £165,000	Levett Grange RUGELEY  Three bedroom end terraced house / Sought after location / Spacious open plan lounge-diner / Modern fitted kitchen, bathroom & guest w/c £165,000	Green Heath Road HEDNESFORD  Well presented traditional three bedroom semi detached house / Set on large plot / Undergone refurbishment & features new carpets throughout / Newly fitted bathroom £150,000	Chapel Street HEATH HAYES  Semi detached character property / Large rear garden ideal for entertaining / Modern breakfast kitchen and bathroom / Two double bedrooms with w/c to the master £140,000

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Belt Road HEDNESFORD



Superbly maintained & well presented two bedroom semi detached house /
●●●●●NO ONWARD CHAIN●●●●● / Two car driveway / Large private rear garden
/ Modern fitted kitchen & shower room / Spacious living accommodation

Offers in Excess of £140,000

Anglesey Street HEDNESFORD



Two Bedroom End Terraced House / Stunning Communal Gardens / Exclusive
Private Mews Development / Spacious Living & Sleeping Accommodation /
Modern Kitchen & Bathroom

£125,000

Hindley View RUGELEY



Unique & Immaculately Presented Two Bedroom First Floor Duplex Apartment
/ Exclusive Private Development / Finished To A Good Modern Standard / Open
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Offers in the Region Of £120,000

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£200,000	£4,320	£1,900	£2,420
£300,000	£6,480	£2,860	£3,630
£500,000	£10,800	£4,760	£6,050

*Standard Estate Agents Fee Staffordshire @2.16% Inc VAT. Source: Rightmove (April 2017)



Pheasant Way HEATH HAYES



Modern sought after development / Modern fitted kitchen & bathroom / Two
double bedrooms / Spacious lounge-diner / Off road allocated parking

£120,000

Arden Close RUGELEY



Three bedroom semi-detached house / NO ONWARD CHAIN
& VACANT POSSESSION / Spacious lounge and kitchen-diner
/ Garage and driveway with parking for two-three vehicles

£120,000

Pye Green Road CANNOCK



Refurbished three bedroom semi detached house / VACANT POSSESSION & NO
ONWARD CHAIN / Private rear garden

£120,000

Watson Close RUGELEY



Two bedroom semi detached house / Modern
fitted kitchen / Spacious lounge / Driveway with
parking for two vehicles / Private rear garden

Offers in Excess of £120,000

Hobby Way HEATH HAYES



Well presented two bedroom ground floor apartment / Modern fitted kitchen,
bathroom & en-suite / Two double bedrooms / Off road allocated parking / NO
ONWARD CHAIN

£118,000

Glovers Hill Court BRERETON



Immaculately presented two bedroom top floor apartment / Superb open plan
living area / Modern fitted kitchen and bathroom / Off road allocated parking and
visitor spaces

Offers in Excess of £110,000

Keats Avenue CANNOCK



One bedroom bungalow / Large private rear garden / Spacious lounge / Modern
fitted shower room / Garage and off road parking

Offers in Excess of £110,000

Barnard Way CANNOCK



Two bedroom ground floor maisonette / Exciting investment opportunity /
Available with a sitting tenant / Rental income of £500 PCM

£87,500

Longacres HEDNESFORD



Well presented one bedroom first floor maisonette / Modern fitted kitchen &
bathroom / Off road parking for one vehicle / Garage for storage / Ideal for first
time buyers & investors

£85,000

Colliers Way HUNTINGTON



40% shared ownership / Modern two bedroom first floor apartment / Ideal for first
time buyers / Allocated parking & communal gardens

Shared Ownership £45,000



Sales

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Surveys



- Burgoyne Street Site, Hendesford**
- An Exciting New Build Development
 - All 3 Bedroom Homes
 - Construction in Progress
 - Both 2 & 3 Storey
 - Terraced & Semi- Detached Homes
 - Last Few Plots Remaining
 - All Having Two Parking Spaces
 - Modern Kitchen & Bathroom Suites
 - Ideal First Time Buys
- from £146,950



Hollow Lane, Rugeley

- Detached Bungalow
- Six Bedrooms
- Three reception rooms
- Four en-suites
- Double garage
- Extensive gardens to the rear
- Village Location
- No Chain

£650,000



- NEW BUILDS Chapel Court, Chasetown**
- Seven Beautifully Designed Homes
 - HELT TO BUY AVAILABLE
 - Two 2 Bed Semi Detached
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 - A 3 Bed Detached with Garage (SOLD)
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 - A 3 Bed End Terrace Homes
 - 10 Year NHBC Warranty
 - READY DECEMBER 2017
- From £189,950



Olde Hall Lane, Great Wrye

- Executive Detached Home
- Ensuite & Bathroom
- Four Good Size Bedrooms
- Large Conservatory

£325,000



- Refurbished Kitchen & Utility
- No Chain Involved
- Detached Double Garage
- MOTIVATED SELLER



Wallace Close, Norton Canes

- THREE BED DETACHED
- NO UPWARD CHAIN
- DUAL ASPECT LOUNGE / DINER
- CONSERVATORY

£170,000



- GARAGE
- FITTED KITCHEN
- REFITTED BATHROOM
- CLOSE TO AMENITIES



Bath Road, Cannock

- Three Bedrooms
- Corner Plot Position
- Wet Room & Bathroom
- Stunning Modern Kitchen

£160,000



- Two Reception Rooms
- Landscaped Rear Garden
- Gas Central Heating System
- EPC - D



Keys Park Road, Wimblebury

SOLD STC
Similar Properties Required



Foxtail Way, Wimblebury

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Nightingale Close, Huntington

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Primrose Meadow, Heath Hayes

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Similar Properties Required



Cavanswood Park, Huntington

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Similar Properties Required



Blake Close, Cannock

SOLD STC
Similar Properties Required



Melbourne Road, Heath Hayes

- Semi-Detached Home
- Three Bedroom
- No Chain
- Located To Local Amenities

£125,000



- Ideal First Time Buy Or Investment Purchase
- Spacious Lounge
- Archway To Dining/Sitting Area
- Gas Central Heating System



Hednesford Road, Norton Canes

- Detached Three Bedroom House
- Views To The Front Over Field
- No Upward Chain
- Lounge and Dining Room

£179,950



- Large Block Paved Driveway
- Gas Central Heating System
- Enclosed Rear Garden
- Must Be Viewed



Heath Gap Road, Cannock

- Semi Detached Bungalow
- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge & Conservatory
- Dining Kitchen

£176,950



- Extensive Private Rear Garden
- Very Well Presented
- Utility Area
- Seller Found A House To Buy



Cannock Road, Hednesford

- First floor apartment
 - Open plan kitchen & lounge
 - Double bedroom
 - Shower room
 - No off road parking
 - Available now
- £425pcm Sorry no dss and no pets



Woottons Court, Cannock

- Second floor apartment
 - Kitchen with cooker & hob
 - Double bedroom
 - Bathroom with shower over bath
 - Allocated parking
 - Available now
- £425pcm Sorry no dss & no pets



Belt Road, Cannock

- Traditional semi detached
 - Large lounge with woodburner
 - Fitted kitchen
 - Three bedrooms
 - Gas central heating
 - Off road parking
- £650pcm Sorry no pets and no DSS



Bank House, Mill Street

- First floor duplex apartment
 - Recently refurbished
 - Two bedrooms
 - Study
 - Shower room
 - Parking
- £650pcm Sorry no dss & no pets



Baker Street, Burntwood

- Detached bungalow
 - Kitchen with some appliances
 - Two bedrooms
 - Gas central heating
 - Driveway
 - Available soon
- £675pcm Sorry no dss & no pets



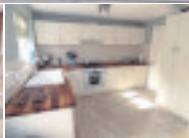
Boney Hay Road, Burntwood

- Detached family home
 - Two reception rooms
 - Kitchen/diner
 - Three bedrooms
 - Two bathrooms
 - Large rear garden
- £795pcm Sorry no DSS and no pets

Huntington Deer Close

NEW






4 2 3 EPC TBA

£275,000

Heath Hayes Attingham Drive

NEW






4 2 2 EPC TBA

£270,000

Heath Hayes Rochester Way

NEW






3 2 1 EPC D

£220,000

Essington Sneyd Lane




4 3 3 EPC C

£600,000

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Cannock Hatherton Road




5 3 2 EPC D

£530,000

Heath Hayes Newlands Lane




3 2 1 EPC D

£360,000

Hednesford Littleworth Road




3 1 1 EPC D

£189,995

Cheslyn Hay Low Street




3 1 1 EPC D

£189,995

Heath Hayes Mill Crescent

REDUCED




3 1 1 EPC D

£170,000

Hednesford Hillside Close




3 1 1 EPC TBA

£135,000

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Jeffrey Close, Rugeley £136,950



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Speechley Drive, Rugeley £139,995



● JR Properties are pleased to offer to market this three bedroom semi detached family home, being close to all local amenities. Being ideal for First Time Buyers or Investors. Having Entrance Porch, Lounge, Breakfast Kitchen and Conservatory. Landing to Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Gardens to front and rear, Garage with

Anson Street, Rugeley



● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this five bedroom traditional detached family home, available with POTENTIAL BUILDING PLOT. Located in the town centre this house offers lots of scope for upgrade and flexible living. Having Entrance Hallway, Guest w.c, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen and Lean To. Landing to Three Bedrooms and Bathroom and Stairs to Two further Attic Rooms. Gardens and Off road parking.

NEW



£299,950

Woodheys Lawns, Etching Hill



NEW

JR Properties are pleased to market this three/ four bedroom family home, in a sought after location, close to local amenities. Having Hallway, Bedroom Four, Lounge, Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen, Utility and Conservatory. Landing to Three Bedrooms and Shower Room. Driveway and Garden to rear

£158,950



St Johns Drive, Hawksyard



NEW

● JR Properties are pleased to market this well presented two bedroom townhouse, being ideal for first time buyers or investors. Having Entrance Hallway, Guest Cloakroom, Fitted Kitchen and Lounge. Landing to Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Garden to rear and GARAGE with parking in separate block.

£149,950

Chester Road, Rugeley



£255,000

● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this four bedroom detached family home, being situated in a quiet cul de sac. Having Entrance Hallway, Guest w.c, Lounge, Dining Room, Breakfast Kitchen and Utility. Two Bedrooms with En Suite, Two further Bedrooms and Bathroom. Drive to Garage and Gardens

Watkiss Drive, Rugeley



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BUY

● JR Properties are pleased to market this three bedroom semi detached home, situated in a cul de sac location, close to local amenities. Having Porch, Lounge, Dining Room and Fitted Kitchen. Landing to Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Driveway for several vehicles to Carport and Garden to rear

£144,950

Moss Green, Rugeley



NO
CHAIN

"CASH BUYERS ONLY" JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this three bedroom semi detached home, being offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Having Entrance Hallway, Lounge/ Dining Room and Fitted Kitchen. Landing to Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Driveway to Garage and Gardens to front and rear

£125,000

Oakenhurst Avenue, Hawksyard



NEW

● JR Properties are pleased to market this well presented three bedroom end terraced townhouse, on the sought after Hawksyard Development. Having Entrance Hallway, Guest Cloakroom, Lounge and Breakfast Kitchen. Landing to Master Bedroom with En Suite, Two Further Bedrooms and Bathroom. Gardens to front and rear with GARAGE and parking.

£169,950



Hawkesmore Drive, Little Haywood



NEW
PRICE

● JR Properties are pleased to market this well presented three bedroom detached home, situated in a cul de sac location. Having Entrance Hallway, Lounge, Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen and Utility. Landing to Three Bedrooms and Refitted Shower Room. Driveway to Garage and Gardens to front and rear

£259,950



St Michaels Road, Brereton



NO
CHAIN

● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this two bedroom semi detached home, ideal for First Time Buyers or Investors. Having Entrance Hallway, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen and Utility Room. Landing to Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Driveway for off road parking and Gardens to front and rear. NO UPWARD CHAIN

£124,950

Glenhaven, Rugeley



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● JR Properties are pleased to market this three bedroom detached bungalow, situated on a good sized corner plot and having DETACHED GRANNY ANNEX. Having Porch, Lounge, Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen, Conservatory, Bathroom and Inner Hallway to Three Bedrooms. Driveway to Gardens front and rear. ANNEX being self

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Arch Street, Rugeley £109,950



● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this three bedroom terraced property, being offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Having Entrance Hallway, Lounge, Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen and Downstairs Bathroom. Landing to Three Bedrooms. Garden to Rear

Setterfield Way, Brereton £105,000



● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this one bedroom terraced bungalow, being offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Accommodation having Entrance Hallway, Shower Room, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen and Bedroom. Gardens to front and rear with on road parking

Birch Lane, Brereton £149,995



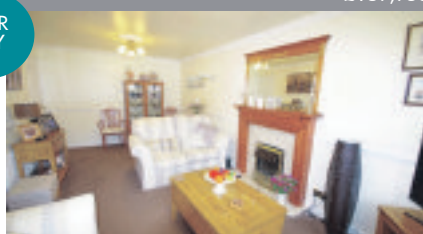
● JR Properties are pleased to market this three bedroom family home, being offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN and situated on a good sized corner plot. Being close to local amenities and having Hallway, Two Reception Rooms, Fitted Kitchen and Guest w.c. Landing to Three Bedrooms, Refitted Shower Room and Separate w.c. Off road parking and good sized Garden to rear.

Lanehead Walk, Etching Hill £189,950



● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this superbly presented detached bungalow in a popular location. Having the benefit of NO UPWARD CHAIN the property features hallway, lounge, fitted kitchen, two bedrooms, refitted shower room, detached garage and well maintained gardens. Viewing essential

Oakleigh Drive, Brereton £149,950



● JR Properties are pleased to market this three bedroom split level house, offering flexible living for a family. Having Snug/Bedroom Three, Bedroom Two with En Suite Shower Room, Landing to Bedroom One and Bathroom. Downstairs to Lounge, Fitted Kitchen and Conservatory. Driveway and Gardens to front and rear

The Beeches, Rugeley £190,000 OIEO



● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this three bedroom extended detached family home, situated in a cul de sac location. Having Porch, Entrance Hallway, Lounge, Dining Room and Fitted Kitchen. Landing to Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Gardens to front and rear and off road parking with Garage

Green Lane, Rugeley £195,000



● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this well presented three bedroom detached home, close to local amenities. Having Entrance Hallway, Lounge, Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen and Conservatory. Landing to Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Driveway for several vehicles and Garden to rear

Talbot Road, Brereton £159,950



● JR Properties are pleased to market this well presented three bedroom semi detached home, close to local amenities. Accommodation having Porch, Entrance Hallway, Lounge, Dining Room and Kitchen. Landing to Three Bedrooms and Refitted Shower Room. Driveway to Covered Carport and Gardens

Brinkburn Close, Etching Hill £189,995



● JR Properties are pleased to market this three bedroom extended link detached home, situated in a quiet cul de sac within Etching Hill. Being offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Having Entrance Hallway, Guest W.C, Fitted Kitchen, Lounge and Dining Room. Landing to Three Bedrooms and Shower Room. Driveway to Carport/ Garage and Gardens to front and rear.

Plovers Rise, Rugeley £285,000



● JR Properties are pleased to market this well presented three bedroom detached bungalow with Detached double Garage and being offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Having Entrance Hallway, Guest W.C, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Master Bedroom with En Suite, Two further Bedrooms and Bathroom. Driveway to Double Garage and Enclosed Garden to rear.

Delafield Way, Etching Hill £175,000 OIEO



● JR Properties are pleased to market this three bedroom link detached family home, being close to local amenities. Having Hallway, Lounge and Breakfast Kitchen. Landing to Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Driveway to Covered Carport and Store Room. Gardens to front and rear. AVAILABLE WITH NO UPWARD CHAIN

St Johns Drive, Hawksyard £169,995



● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this spacious three bedroom semi detached house overlooking the green on the popular Hawksyard Development. Available with No Upward Chain the property includes three bedrooms, en suite and main bathroom, guest wc, lounge with kitchen/ diner and gardens with single garage

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Brindley Heath Road, Hednesford



Offers Around £95,000

Well Presented Maisonette
Two Bedrooms
Bathroom

Off Road Parking
Sold With Tenant in Situ
EPC C

Cannock Road, Heath Hayes



Offers Around £100,000

Ground Floor Flat
Two Bedrooms
Newly Refurbished

Gated Access
NO CHAIN
EPC C

Devon Road, Wednesbury



Offers Around £130,000

Semi Detached Property
Two Bedrooms
Beautifully Presented

Private Rear Garden
Off Road Parking
EPC D

Partridge Close, Cannock



Offers Around £130,000

NEW
Terraced Property
Two Bedrooms
Lounge

Quiet Cul De Sac
Off Road Parking
EPC C

Mountside Street, Hednesford



Offers Around £130,000

Semi Detached Property
Three Bedrooms
Large Kitchen / Diner

Utility
Off Road Parking
EPC E

York Road, Cannock



Offers Around £150,000

Semi Detached Property
Three Bedrooms
Lounge

Kitchen
Rear Garden
EPC D

Horseshoe Drive, Cannock



Offers Around £150,000

End Terrace Property
Three Bedrooms
Kitchen

Lounge
Allocated Parking
EPC C

River View, Penkridge



Offers Around £151,875

New Build Property
Two Bedrooms
Lounge / Diner

Fitted Kitchen
Shared Ownership
Awaiting EPC

Matthews Drive, Cannock



Offers Around £157,500

Mid Terraced Property
Two Bedrooms
Brand New

Shared Ownership Property
Off Road Parking
Awaiting EPC

Norton East Road, Cannock



Offers Around £170,000

Semi Detached Property
Three Bedrooms
Lounge

Utility
Garage
EPC D

John Street, Cannock



Offers Around £185,000

Dormer Semi Detached Bungalow
Four Bedrooms
Fitted Kitchen

Rear Garden
Garage
EPC E

Stoney Lea Road, Cannock



Offers Around £200,000

Detached Property
Three Bedrooms
Lounge

Kitchen
Garage
EPC D

St David Close, Hednesford



Offers Around £240,000

NEW
Detached Property
Four Bedrooms
Kitchen

En Suite
Garage
EPC D

Rickerscote, Staffordshire



Offers Around £240,000

Well Presented Cottage
Two Bedrooms
Lounge

Kitchen
Well Maintained Gardens
EPC E

Wolverhampton Road, Cheslyn Hay



Offers Around £240,000

Detached Bungalow
Two Bedrooms
Newly Fitted Kitchen

Front and Rear Gardens
Garage
EPC D

Haymaker Way, Wimblebury



Offers Around £250,000

REDUCED
Spacious Detached Property
Four Bedrooms
Lounge

Utility Room
Conservatory
EPC C

Walsall Road, Great Wyrley



Offers Around £275,000

Detached Property
Four Bedrooms
Ample Off Road Parking

Outdoor Heated Swimming Pool
No Chain
EPC D

Chase Road, Brocton



Offers Around £425,000

NEW
Detached Property
Three Bedrooms
Three Reception Rooms

Good Sized Gardens
Double Garage
EPC D

Holly Hill Road, Rugeley



Offers Around £425,000

Detached Dormer Bungalow
Four / Five Bedrooms
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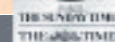
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Coley Grove, Little Haywood
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- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
- Lounge & Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Enclosed Rear Garden
- Driveway and Garage

£185,000



Beechmere Rise, Rugeley
Three Bedroom Split Level Detached House

- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
- Lounge, Kitchen & Bathroom
- Downstairs Shower Room
- Three Tier Enclosed Rear Garden
- Driveway Parking for Three Cars & Garage

£220,000



Hednesford Road, Rugeley
Two / Three Bedroom Semi-Detached House

- Must be Viewed to Appreciate
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
- Breakfast Kitchen and Family Shower Room
- Ground Floor Shower Room
- Driveway Parking

£232,950



Hednesford Road, Rugeley
A Three Bedroom Traditional Detached House

- Three Reception Rooms
- Downstairs Shower Room
- Kitchen & Bathroom
- Detached Workshop and sheds
- Driveway & Large Rear Garden

£215,000



Bilberry Close, Rugeley
A Three Bedroom End Link Detached House

- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
- Kitchen/Diner
- Bathroom
- Attached Garage and Driveway
- Garden to Rear

£179,950



Burnthill Lane Rugeley
A Four Bedroom Executive Detached House

- Gas Central Heating
- UPVC Double Glazing
- Conservatory
- Dining Room
- Integral Garage

£245,000

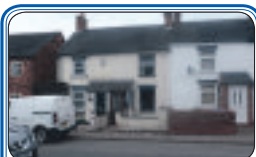


Ti-Arwil, Keystone Lane, Rugeley
Traditional 3 Bedroom Semi-Detached House

- Part Double Glazed
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Kitchen & Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens & Driveway Parking
- Single Car Garage & Outside W.C.

£163,000

More Properties URGENTLY REQUIRED Rugeley and Surrounding Areas



Mersey Cottage, Armitage Road, Rugeley
One Bedroom Cottage

- Gas Central Heating
- Lounge
- Kitchen / Bathroom
- Master Bedroom
- Rear Garden leading to Canal Mooring

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- Downstairs WC
- Bathroom, Kitchen
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Allocated Parking to Rear

£525 PCM

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Three Bedroom Detached House

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- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Lounge/diner
- Refitted kitchen
- Refitted shower room
- Conservatory, carport
- Garden to rear and side
- Driveway
- Awaiting EPC rating

£169,950

STAFFORD SILKMORE CRESCENT



- A fully refurbished 4 bedroom
- Entrance hallway, guest cloakroom
- Lounge, Refitted kitchen/diner
- Master bedroom with ensuite
- Refitted family bathroom
- Garden to rear
- Driveway and garage
- Awaiting EPC rating

£239,950

CANNOCK BERWICK DRIVE



- A three bedroom semi detached house
- Gas central heating
- Lounge/diner
- Conservatory, kitchen
- Three good sized bedrooms
- Refitted shower room
- Good sized rear garden
- Awaiting EPC rating

£139,950

GREAT WYRLEY WHARWELL LANE



- An immaculately presented 3 bedroom
- lounge/dining room
- Refitted modern kitchen, conservatory
- Contemporary styled bathroom
- Three good sized bedrooms
- Garage and driveway
- Viewing highly recommended
- EPC rating C

£259,995

HEDNESFORD CHURCHILL



- A three bedroom bungalow
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Lounge/diner
- Shower room
- Kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Refitted modern bathroom
- Front and rear gardens
- Garage
- Awaiting EPC rating

£159,950

HEATH HAYES SALISBURY DRIVE



- A much improved 3 bedroom house
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Lounge, refitted kitchen/diner
- Conservatory
- Three bedrooms
- Refitted modern bathroom
- Front and rear gardens
- Garage
- EPC rating C

£200,000

CANNOCK RUMER HILL ROAD



- A spacious 3 bedroom detached
- Split level lounge/diner, Kitchen/diner
- Guest cloakroom, utility
- Sitting room and conservatory
- Family bathroom
- Garden to rear, garage, driveway
- NO CHAIN
- Awaiting EPC rating

£245,000

HEATH HAYES FIRECREST CLOSE



- A spacious four bedroom detached
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Lounge and dining room
- Kitchen/diner, guest cloakroom
- Master bedroom with en suite
- Three further bedrooms
- Family bathroom
- Garden to rear, driveway
- Garage, awaiting EPC rating

£259,950

HEDNESFORD BOND WAY



- An immaculate one bedroom apartment
- Electric heating
- Double glazing
- Lounge, refitted kitchen
- Bedroom with built in wardrobes
- Refitted shower room
- Communal gardens, off road parking
- Viewing essential
- EPC rating C

£74,950

CANNOCK WELLINGTON DRIVE



- Detached two bedroom bungalow
- Breakfast kitchen
- Lounge, entrance hallway
- Gas central heating/double glazed
- Family bathroom, loft room
- Garage with driveway
- Awaiting EPC rating
- Viewing Essential

£255,000

HEATH HAYES PARTRIDGE CLOSE



- A modern two bedroom property
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Lounge, kitchen
- Family bathroom
- Two bedrooms
- Garden to rear
- Off road parking
- Ideal first time buy
- EPC rating C

£129,995

HEATH HAYES CHARLOCK GROVE



- Three bedroom detached
- Lounge, Conservatory
- Fitted Kitchen
- Fitted Bathroom
- Guest WC
- Garage & Driveway
- Gas central heated
- NO CHAIN
- EPC rating D

£205,000

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BURNTWOOD, HOSPITAL STREET

- 4 Double Bedrooms 4
- Refurbished Throughout 2
- Garage & Driveway
- No Upward Chain

Great Wyrley Office - £389,950



WEDGES MILLS, WOODHAVEN

- Individually Built 5 Bedroom Detached 5
- Cui-de-sac location 2
- En-Suite to Master

Great Wyrley Office - £375,000



CHESLYN HAY, HIGH STREET

- Impressive detached residence 5
- Schools & amenities nearby 2
- Three storey accommodation
- Ideal family home

Burntwood Office - £249,950



BURNTWOOD SQUIRRELS HOLLOW

- Individually Built Detached 3
- Two Receptions 2
- Off Road Parking
- Viewing Essential B

Great Wyrley - £239,950



CHESLYN HAY, LITTLEWOOD ROAD

- Newly Built 3 Bedroom Detached Bungalow 3
- No Upward Chain 1
- Contemporary Interiors B

Burntwood Office - £235,000



BURNTWOOD, BROWNING ROAD

- Deceptively Spacious 3
- Two Receptions 2
- Garage & Carport
- No Upward Chain E

Burntwood Office - £229,950



LICHFIELD, KENSINGTON OVAL

- Second Floor Apartment 2
- Open Style Living Area 1
- Integrated Appliances
- Security Intercom, Allocated Parking C

Burntwood Office - £219,950



LICHFIELD, WATLING STREET

- MID TERRACE BUNGALOW 2
- VILLAGE LOCATION OF WALL 1
- DRIVEWAY
- NO UPWARD CHAIN

Great Wyrley Office - £215,000



CHURCHBRIDGE, LOCKSIDE

- Immaculate Semi-Detached House 3
- Guest Cloaks, En-Suite 2
- Lounge, Kitchen/Diner
- Garage B

Great Wyrley Office - £200,000



CHESLYN HAY, FRENSHAM CLOSE

- Spacious semi-detached house 4
- Cul-de-Sac location 2
- Ground floor bedroom / ensuite
- No onward chain

Great Wyrley Office - £169,950



CHESLYN HAY, BERWYN GROVE

- Well presented bungalow 2
- Popular Cul-de-Sac location 1
- Good sized rear garden
- No onward chain D

Great Wyrley Office - £149,995



GREAT WYRLEY, FAIR OAKS DRIVE

- Extended End Town House 3
- Superb Fitted Kitchen 1
- Extended Lounge/Diner
- Private Rear Parking D



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GREAT WYRLEY
STATION ROAD






- Outstanding Family Home
- Entrance Porch, WC
- Through Hallway
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Stunning Kitchen
- Ground Floor Bedroom
- 3 Further Bedrooms
- En-Suite, Bathroom
- Internal Viewing Essential

\$375,000

NEW

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WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD

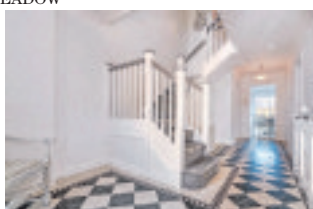
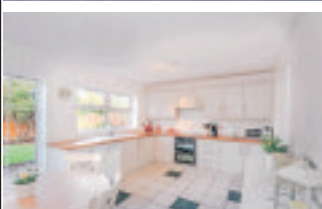



- Town Centre Location
- Traditional Semi
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- 3 Bedrooms
- Gardens
- Viewing Advised

\$149,995

NEW

CHESLYN HAY
POOL MEADOW


- Executive Detached Home
- Corner Plot
- Hall, Lounge
- Dining Room
- Breakfast Kitchen
- 4 Double Bedrooms
- En-Suite
- Galleried Landing
- Double Garage

\$385,000

NEW

SHARESHILL
SPIRES CROFT




- Sought After Location
- Corner Plot
- Through Hall
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Conservatory
- Kitchen, Utility Room
- Guests WC
- No Chain

\$325,000

NEW

HEATH HAYES
NEWLANDS COURT






- Detached Family Home
- Hallway
- Lounge, WC
- Dining Room
- Refitted Kitchen
- Utility Room
- 4 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- No Chain

\$249,950

NEW

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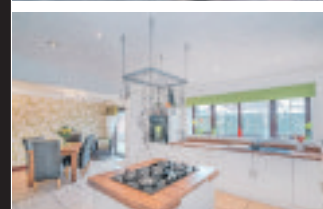
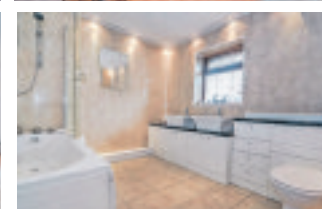

- Semi Detached
- Generous Plot
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen
- 2 Double Bedrooms
- Shared Driveway
- Garage
- No Chain

\$109,950

NEW

HEATH HAYES
MELBOURNE ROAD



- Individual Self Build
- Early Viewing Essential
- Detached Bungalow
- Through Hallway
- Lounge
- Fabulous Kitchen/Diner
- Utility Room, Guest WC
- 3 Double Bedrooms
- En-Suite
- Detached Garage

\$289,950

NEW

CANNOCK
BYRON PLACE




- Entrance Hallway,
- Lounge
- Kitchen Diner
- Three Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom,
- Driveway
- Garage,

\$159,950

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NEW

CHESLYN HAY
LAVENDER COTTAGE, LITTLEWOOD ROAD






- Thought To Date Back To Mid 1700's
- Extensively Extended And Refurbished
- Stunning Kitchen/dining/family Room
- Lounge And Separate Study
- Utility And Guest Wc
- Four Bedrooms
- Two Having En-suite Facility
- Detached Double Garage
- Large Enclosed Rear Garden

\$395,000

CHURCHBRIDGE
ELLIOTT DRIVE



- Detached Home
- Through Hall, WC
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- 3 Bedrooms
- Bathroom, En-Suite
- Driveway, Garage
- Viewing

\$240,000

CHESLYN HAY
STATION STREET



- Through Hallway,
- Guest WC,
- Lounge,
- Dining Room,
- Conservatory,
- Kitchen and Utility Room.
- Four Double

\$265,000

NEW

HEATH HAYES
CANTERBURY WAY






- Extended Family Home
- Hallway, WC
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Kitchen, Breakfast Room
- 4 Double Bedrooms
- En-suite, Family Bathroom
- Garage
- Chain Free
- Viewing Essential

\$259,950

NEW

CANNOCK
HOLLYOAK WAY




- MODERN THREE STOREY PROPERTY
- THREE BEDROOMS
- MASTER HAVING EN-SUITE
- SPACIOUS LOUNGE
- KITCHEN DINER
- UTILITY AND GUEST WC
- STUDY
- FAMILY BATHROOM

\$175,000

MIDDLEHILL BARN
SHARESHILL



- Stunning Barn Conversion
- Views of open fields
- Spacious Kitchen/
- Family Room
- Lounge Diner
- Guest W.C.,
- Laundry Room

\$345,000

NEW

CANNOCK
CLIFTON AVENUE




- Entrance Porch,
- Through Hallway,
- Spacious Lounge Diner,
- Kitchen,
- Guest WC,
- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Private Driveway

\$149,950

HUNTINGTON
WOODSTOCK DRIVE




- Detached Home
- Hall, WC
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- 3 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Garage, Gardens
- NO CHAIN

\$175,000

CHURCHBRIDGE
WATLING STREET



- Deceptively Spacious
- Traditional Property
- Two
- Reception Rooms
- Refitted Kitchen Diner
- Refitted Bathroom

OFFERS OVER £170,000

WIMBLEBURY
HAYMAKER WAY




- Detached Family Home
- Hall, WC
- Lounge, Kitchen
- En-Suite to Bed 1
- 3 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- No Chain
- Stamp Duty Paid

\$228,995

NEW

BRIDGETOWN
WATERBROOK WAY






- Through Hallway
- Kitchen
- Lounge Diner
- Conservatory
- Three Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom and Ensuite.
- Landscaped Gardens
- Private Driveway.
- Internal viewing essential

\$169,950

HUNTINGTON
PILLATON DRIVE



- Modern End Town House
- Hallway
- Lounge
- Refitted Kitchen Diner
- Three Bedrooms
- Refitted Bathroom

offers in excess of £150,000

CANNOCK
MOSSWOOD STREET



- Semi Detached
- Large Plot
- Lounge
- Refitted Kitchen
- Utility, WC
- 3 Bedrooms
- Refitted Bathroom
- Off Road Parking

\$140,000

NEW

CHESLYN HAY
SWAN CLOSE






- Extended Detached
- Kitchen, Utility
- Conservatory
- 2 Double Bedrooms
- Refitted Bathroom
- Enclosed Rear Garden
- Driveway & Garage
- Viewing Recommended

\$220,000

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WOOTTONS COURT, CANNOCK



- One Bed Flat
- Lounge, Kitchen
- Bathroom, DG
- Electric Heating
- Parking
- Energy Rating C
- NO DSS / PETS

£425 pcm

CECIL STREET, CHADSMOOR



- Two Bed Mid
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- GCH & DG
- Garden, Parking
- Energy Rating D

£475 pcm

PARK STREET, BRIDGTOWN



- 2Bed FFF
- Open Plan
- Lounge/Kitchen
- Electric Heating/DG
- Off Road Parking
- Communal

£500 pcm

HEDNESFORD STREET, CANNOCK



- Two Bed Flat
- Lounge, Kitchen
- Utility, E-Suite
- Bathroom, GCH, DG
- Allocated Parking

£550 pcm

HARPERS COURT, HEATH HAYES



- 2Bed FF Flat
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- GCH/DG
- Off Road Parking
- Energy Rating C
- Sorry No DSS/PETS

£550 pcm

DARTMOUTH MEWS, CANNOCK



- Two Bed Duplex
- Lounge/Kitchen
- GCH, DG
- Allocated Parking
- Energy Rating B
- NO DSS / PETS

£595 Pcm

PEREGRINE WAY, HEATH HAYES



- Two Bed Flat
- Lounge/Kitchen
- Bathroom
- GCH & DG
- Garage, Parking
- Energy Rating D
- NO DSS / PETS

£600 pcm

DAYWELL RISE, RUGELEY



- 3Bed Semi
- Lounge
- Breakfast Kitchen
- GCH
- Garage/Carport
- Energy Rating D
- No DSS/Pets

£625 pcm

COPPICE COURT, CANNOCK



- Two Bed Semi
- Lounge/Kitchen
- Conservatory
- GCH/DG
- Driveway
- Energy Rating C
- NO DSS/Pets

£650 pcm

KIELDER CLOSE HEATH HAYES



- 2 Bed Semi
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- GCH & DG
- Driveway
- Rating E
- NO DSS / PETS

£695 pcm

GORSEY LANE, CANNOCK



- Two Bed Semi
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- GCH & DG
- Gardens, Driveway
- Energy Rating D
- NO DSS OR PETS

£725 pcm

PEBBLE MILL DRIVE, CANNOCK



- 4 Bed Detached
- 2 Reception
- Kitchen
- Bathroom & WC
- GCH DG, Drive
- Energy Rating C
- NO DSS / PETS

£800 pcm

PINE TREES, BRERETON



- 4 Bed Detached
- Lounge/Dining room
- Guest WC/Utility
- Conservatory
- Garage
- Energy Rating C
- No DSS/Pets.

£1200 pcm

CANTERBURY DRIVE, RUGELEY



- A Modern One Bed Ground Floor
- Maquette
- Open-Plan Lounge & Kitchen
- Modern Bathroom
- Allocated Parking
- NO CHAIN

£89,950

EARLSWOOD WAY, CANNOCK



- A Modern Well Presented Coach House Apartment
- GCH & D/G
- Entrance Hall, Lounge
- Modern Kitchen, One Double Bedroom
- Modern Bathroom
- Parking, No Upward Chain

£95,000

BADGERS COURT, HEATH HAYES



- A Modern Well Presented First Floor Apartment
- Entrance Hall, Lounge/Diner
- Modern Kitchen, Two Bedrooms
- Modern Bathroom
- Communal Gardens, Allocated Parking
- NO CHAIN

£98,000

HUNTINGTON TERRACE ROAD, CANNOCK



- A Spacious Three Bedroom Semi Detached House
- Two Reception Rooms, Kitchen
- Ground Floor Bathroom
- Three Bedrooms
- Garage & Driveway at Rear
- Gardens, NO CHAIN

£120,000

WESTMINSTER ROAD, CANNOCK



- A Well Presented Semi Detached House
- Spacious Lounge/Diner
- Modern Kitchen, Side
- Entrance/Utility Area
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Modern Bathroom
- Driveway & Gardens

£124,950

BROWNHILLS ROAD, NORTON CANES



- A Deceptively Spacious Well Presented Mid Terraced House
- GCH & D/G
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Kitchen, Sun Room
- Three Bedrooms & Wet Room
- Delightful Rear Garden & Driveway
- No Upward Chain

£135,000

DOVE HOLLOW, HEDNESFORD



- A Delightful Two Bedroom End Town House
- Entrance Hall
- Kitchen, Lounge-Diner
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Bathroom with Separate Shower
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Driveway

£140,000

STEVENS DRIVE, HEDNESFORD



- An Extended Well Presented Semi Detached House
- Lounge, Dining Family Room
- Modern Fitted Breakfast Kitchen
- Utility Room, Guest WC
- Two Bedrooms, Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens, Driveway
- NO CHAIN

£144,950

CLIFTON AVENUE, CANNOCK



- Three Bed Mid
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Lounge/Diner
- Bathroom, GCH, DG
- Driveway & Garage
- VIEWING ESSENTIAL
- NO CHAIN

£149,950

BYRON PLACE, CANNOCK



- A Modern Three Bedroom Detached House
- Hall, Lounge
- Kitchen-Diner, Bathroom
- Garage & Driveway
- Front & Rear Gardens
- CHC SAC LOCATION

£159,950

STONE LEA ROAD, CANNOCK



- A Well Presented Three Bedroom Semi Detached House
- Entrance Hall, Lounge-Diner
- Kitchen
- Three Good Sized Bedrooms
- Spacious Family Bathroom
- Low Maintenance Rear Garden
- Garage & Driveway

£165,000

GREENWOOD PARK, HEDNESFORD



- A Very Well Presented Four Bedroom Semi Detached House
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Extended Kitchen, Guest WC
- Four Bedrooms, Shower Rooms
- Private Tied Rear Garden
- Driveway

£170,000

THISTLE DRIVE, HUNTINGTON



- A Beautifully Presented Three Storey Family Home
- Entrance Hall, Guest WC
- Kitchen/Diner, Spacious Lounge
- Two First Floor Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Second Floor Master Bedroom with En-Suite
- Garage and Parking
- Rear Garden

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SHIRE CLOSE, CANNOCK



- A Modern Extremely Well Presented Semi Detached House
- Lounge, Impressive Kitchen-Diner
- Three Bedrooms

£189,950

VIEWING ESSENTIAL



- Re-Fitted En-Suite
- Family Bathroom
- Delightful Rear Garden
- Driveway

WORDSWORTH CLOSE, ARMITAGE



- A Well Presented & Re-Furnished Detached Family Home
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Conservatory, Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms, Re-Fitted Bathroom
- Detached Garage, Driveway
- Front & Rear Gardens

£195,000

CORSICAN DRIVE, HEDNESFORD



- A Well Presented Detached Family Home Situated on a Good Sized Corner Plot
- Reception Hall, Guest WC
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Modern Kitchen, Conservatory
- Three Bedrooms
- En-Suite, Family Shower Room
- Garage, Driveway & Gardens
- NO CHAIN

£215,000

KNIGHTON ROAD, WIMBLEBURY



- A Well Presented Link Detached House
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Extended Kitchen, Four Bedrooms
- Re-Fitted Family Bathroom
- Garage & Driveway
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Open Aspect to Side & Rear
- No Upward Chain

£215,000

MYRTLE GLADE, CHURCHBRIDGE



- An Extremely Well Presented Semi-Detached Family Home
- Entrance Hall, Guest WC, Lounge
- Impressive Kitchen/Diner
- Three Bedrooms, En-suite
- Family Bathroom
- Driveway, Front & Rear Gardens
- NO UPWARD CHAIN

£215,000

ST JOHNS CLOSE, CANNOCK



- A Newly Built and Individually Designed Detached Diner
- Reception Hall, Lounge, Breakfast Kitchen
- Dining Room/Bedroom Two, Two Further Ground Floor Bedrooms
- Ground Floor Bathroom
- First Floor Bedroom, Luxury Bathroom

£240,000

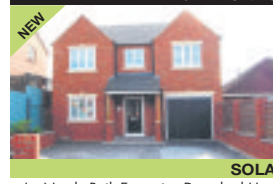
HALLUM WAY, HEDNESFORD



- An Executive Newly Built Detached Family Residence
- Reception Hall, Guest WC
- Two Reception Rooms
- Family Breakfast Kitchen
- Four Bedrooms, En-Suite, Family Bathroom
- Garage, Driveway
- Gardens
- Incentives Can Be Applied

£269,995

SAREDON ROAD, CHESLYN HAY



- An Newly Built Executive Detached House
- Stylish Contemporary Design Throughout
- Reception Hall, Guest WC
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LOT 1

7 MEADOW CROFT, HUNTINGTON, WS12 4LX
FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION

- ◆ Mid mews house
- ◆ Three bedrooms
- ◆ Integral garage
- ◆ In need of modernisation
- ◆ EPC rating G (1)

GUIDE PRICE £85,000+



LOT 2

29 OLD PENKRIDGE ROAD, CANNOCK, WS11 1HX
FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION

- ◆ Mid terraced house
- ◆ Two reception rooms
- ◆ Two bedrooms
- ◆ Located in very popular area
- ◆ In need of refurbishment
- ◆ EPC rating G (14)

GUIDE PRICE £120,000+



LOT 3

FIELD A, LAND AT HORSEBROOK HALL LANE, BREWOOD, ST19 9LP
FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION

- ◆ Pasture land
- ◆ Extending to approx 2.40 acres (0.971Ha) or thereabouts
- ◆ Road frontage and gated access to Horsebrook Hall Lane

GUIDE PRICE £40,000-£50,000



LOT 4

FIELD B, LAND AT HORSEBROOK HALL LANE, BREWOOD, ST19 9LP
FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION

- ◆ Pasture land
- ◆ Extended to approx 1.60 acres (0.647Ha) or thereabouts
- ◆ Road frontage and gated access to Horsebrook Hall Lane

GUIDE PRICE £25,000-£35,000



LOT 5

143 BROWNHILLS ROAD, NORTON CANES, WS11 9SN
FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION

- ◆ Spacious detached house
- ◆ Popular residential area
- ◆ Requiring some improvement
- ◆ Gas central heating
- ◆ Part double glazed
- ◆ EPC rating E (41)

GUIDE PRICE £130,000+

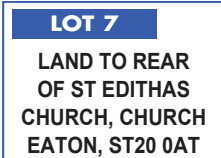


LOT 6

23 HEATH GAP ROAD, CANNOCK, WS11 6DY
FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION

- ◆ Two bedroom semi detached house
- ◆ Predominantly double glazed
- ◆ Gas central heating
- ◆ In need of refurbishment
- ◆ EPC rating E (42)

GUIDE PRICE £80,000-£90,000

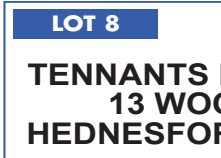


LOT 7

LAND TO REAR OF ST EDITHAS CHURCH, CHURCH EATON, ST20 0AT
FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION

- ◆ Parcel of land adjoining St Edithas Church
- ◆ Located on the edge of village of Church Eaton
- ◆ Extending to approx acres (Ha) or thereabouts
- ◆ Extending to approx. 0.22 of an acre (0.09Ha) or thereabouts

GUIDE PRICE £25,000 - £35,000



LOT 8

TENNANTS BAKERY SITE, 13 WOOD LANE, HEDNESFORD, WS12 1BW
FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION

- ◆ Potential residential redevelopment site for 8 houses comprising:
- ◆ 2 pairs of semi detached, 3 detached and 1 detached bungalow
- ◆ Extending to 0.30 Ha or thereabouts
- ◆ A planning application (No: CH/17/249) has been submitted to Cannock Chase Council

GUIDE PRICE £500,000+

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LOT 9

LAND REAR OF 77 OLD FALLOW ROAD, CANNOCK, WS11 5QL
FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION

- ◆ Residential redevelopment site extending to 0.22 Ha or thereabouts
- ◆ Having O.P.P for the erection of 5 detached houses
- ◆ Planning application no: 15/0410 Cannock Chase Council

GUIDE PRICE £375,000+



LOT 10

- ◆ 1A HOLDEN CRESCENT, COALPOOL, WALSALL, WS3 1PY
- ◆ LEASEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION
- ◆ Modern first floor flat
- ◆ Requiring some improvement
- ◆ Ideal buy to let
- ◆ Electric heating (not tested)
- ◆ Predominantly double glazed
- ◆ EPC rating D (59)

GUIDE PRICE £30,000+

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The wraps come off MINI's new electric concept car

Mini has pulled the covers off its new electric concept, ahead of the vehicle's public debut later this month at the Frankfurt Motor Show.

The electric vehicle (EV) follows the launch of the British brand's first electrified production model, the MINI Countryman Plug-in Hybrid.

BMW Group – MINI's parent company – will reveal a production version of the electric concept in 2019.

Harald Krüger, chairman of the board of management of BMW AG, said: "The systematic electrification of the brand and product portfolio is a mainstay of the BMW Group's Number One Next strategy."

"The MINI Electric Concept offers a thrilling preview of the all-electric production vehicle. MINI and electrification make a perfect match."

The EV concept features many classic MINI design cues, including a hexagonal radiator grille and circular headlights.

However, these have been reinterpreted to better align with emissions-free technology, with the radiator grille closed up to improve aerodynamics.

Other design features hint at the new MINI's electric powertrain, including prominent 'E' badging above the front wheel and on the yellow accent bar of the front grille.

According to a MINI statement, the new MINI electric concept's



The new electric MINI will be unveiled at the Frankfurt Motor Show

design "provides an optimal balance between agility and weight", which enables it to "offer maximised range in combination with the brand's unique driving dynamics".

Recessed

One example of weight-saving employed on the concept EV is the use of 3D printing to produce the MINI's aerodynamic inlays and the recessed louvred surfaces in the air intakes. Board member

Peter Schwarzenbauer said: "With its characteristic go-kart feel and powerful electric motor, the MINI Electric Concept is great fun to drive while also being completely suitable for everyday use – and producing zero emissions to boot. That's how we at MINI envisage electric mobility in tomorrow's world."

The production version of the MINI electric concept will be manufactured in part at the brand's Oxford plant.

The concept will make its public debut on September 16.

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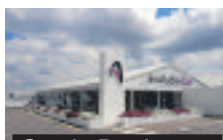
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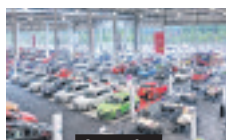
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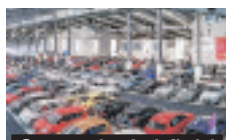
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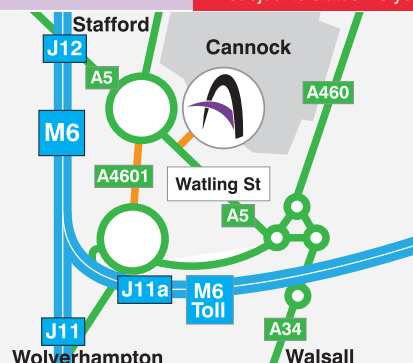


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Kia's Rio impresses on a Scottish trip

By Sharon Walters

Well I didn't fly down to anywhere in the Kia Rio but I more than comfortably tackled a 412 mile trip up (and 412 back!) to Scotland.

The new fourth-generation Kia Rio entered an incredibly tough market segment earlier this year with the Korean manufacturer having very high hopes for its best-selling car globally. So far figures look good and my road test proved to me that it certainly has the potential to fulfil those hopes.

There's a range of high-tech engines, good fuel efficiency and emissions, plus good looks and generous standard specification. There are a total of 10 versions in three trim grades – badged in the familiar Kia way for simplicity in 1, 2 and 3.

Starting at grade 1 and around £10,345, you get a lot more than standard spec in some of the opposition, including air conditioning, front electric windows with auto function on the driver's side, remote locking, electrically adjustable heated door mirrors, a 3.8-inch display screen, Bluetooth, auto light control, LED daytime running lights and a whole lot more. There are body-coloured bumpers, door mirror casings, steering wheel-mounted audio controls and on the safety side you get electronic stability control, vehicle stability management and hill-start assist.

Grade 2, priced from £13,745, supplements all this with 15-inch alloy wheels in place of similar-sized steel wheels, a leather-trimmed steering wheel and gearshifter, electric windows at the rear as well as the front, electric folding mirrors with LED indicator lights, a digital DAB radio, a 5-inch colour display screen, a six-speaker audio system, a reversing camera and rear parking sensors, a 3.5-inch premium supervision cluster, rear as well as front USB charging ports, cruise



The 7-inch touchscreen

control with a speed limiter and Autonomous Emergency Braking and Lane Departure Warning systems. There is chrome trim around the radiator grille, premium black cloth upholstery and a centre storage box.

Additional features on Grade 3, which starts at £16,295, include 16-inch alloy wheels, automatic air conditioning with a defogging system, black faux leather upholstery, a 7-inch display screen, heated front seats and a heated steering wheel, rain-sensing front wipers, privacy glass on the rear side windows and tailgate, satellite navigation, Android Auto and Apple CarPlay connectivity and Bluetooth with voice recognition.

Finally, the limited First Edition version at £17,455 adds 17-inch alloys, a smart key entry system and engine start/stop button, stainless steel pedals, black and red faux leather upholstery and LED rear lights. And that was the one I took on my latest Scottish adventure. The 1.0 T-GDi First Edition Eco completely surprised me in many ways. From build quality to interior finish and the way that punch and responsive little engine coped with



Kia's latest Rio has good looks on the outside and has a smart interior with generous standard specification

motorway cruising for many miles. Official figures claim just over 60mpg for a combined cycle and while they may be achievable in almost laboratory conditions, in real-life driving they are high on impossible. However I managed to achieve 56mpg covering 100 miles of A and B roads, 200 on the motorway, followed by 100 round the edge of Loch Lomond and up over the arduous Rannoch Moor. Now that's a very good result.

Plus the ride is very comfortable and with a supportive seat I didn't end up with an aching back after all those miles. There's plenty of space inside for passengers and a good-sized boot for carrying all my paraphernalia for a long weekend away walking.

The new Rio is the first car in its class with

Autonomous Emergency Braking as part of Kia's advanced driver assistance systems (ADAS). It also features a Lane Departure Warning system. Both are standard from grade 2 upwards and optional with grade 1. And, in an increasingly connected world, the Rio now offers Kia Connected Services powered by TomTom and featuring Android Auto and Apple CarPlay smartphone integration. These are standard with grade 3 and the First Edition models.

And I love Kia Connected Services with TomTom, accessed through a 7-inch touchscreen navigation system. The information available to drivers includes live traffic updates, weather reports, speed camera locations and local point-of-interest

searches. And it is all so easy to use. Much more expensive cars often leave me frustrated at their less than instinctive systems.

The system is compatible with Android Auto and Apple CarPlay. Ideal for me as an Apple user and my partner an Android fan! Both allow you to connect to various apps and functions, including voice-guided, hands-free calls and texts and voice recognition. Android Auto gives access to Google Maps navigation and Google Play music, while CarPlay links to pre-loaded maps, music, podcasts, texts and messages and audiobooks through Siri voice control.

Rio is being touted as more of a second car but it is more than up to being the main family set of wheels.

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Concerns

"Ford shares society's concerns over air quality", said Andy Barratt, chairman and MD of Ford of Britain. "Removing generations of the most polluting vehicles will have the most immediate positive effect on air quality, and this Ford scrappage scheme aims to do just that."

"We don't believe incentivising sales of new cars goes far enough and we will ensure that all trade-in vehicles are scrapped. Acting together we can take hundreds of thousands of the dirtiest cars off our roads and out of our cities."

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The popular Fiesta is eligible under the scheme

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- Data from the SMMT shows that there are approximately 19.3 million pre-Euro 5



This Ford Transit has significantly lower emissions

emission level passenger cars on the UK roads today and reducing that number, through scrappage programs, would have the effect of reducing CO2 by 15 million tons per year, equivalent to the annual output of approximately three coal-fired power stations.

Medium to longer-term actions to improve

air quality include a plug-in hybrid version of the Ford Transit Custom, due to start trials later this year.

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The new school year has just begun, and GEM says it's vital that everyone – from toddler to senior citizen – is aware of the risks that go with using our roads. This is because more than 130 children die, and another 4,500 are seriously injured every year while cycling or walking on the UK's roads. What's more, 20 per cent of all injuries occur on school journeys.

GEM road safety officer Neil Worth comments: "Figures show that pedestrian casualties peak at the age of 11 to 12. For cyclists, the most vulnerable age is 14.

"That's why it is so important for us all to take responsibility – not just

for our own safety but for the safety of any children who share the roads with us – and find ways to reduce the number of deaths and serious injuries.

"We encourage all parents, guardians, teachers, carers and older siblings to play their part in helping children to use the roads with respect, to recognise the risks they face and to understand effective ways of minimising those risks."

GEM has compiled a selection of tips for parents and their children



Make sure your children are safe when on the school run

to be safe as the new school year begins:

* Kit your kids out with high visibility fluorescent or reflective jackets, vests or belts.

* If you drive to school, please allow plenty of time to park safely and legally. Don't pull up on zig-zag lines outside a school, and respect local residents by not blocking driveways.

* Find out about any local safe walking initiatives that may operate at your child's school.

* Brush up your knowledge of the

Highway Code, and establish safe routes.

* Respect speed limits. Many areas around schools are subject to 20mph speed limits, and you will face a £100 fine and three points on your licence if you are caught speeding.

* Respect the crossing patrol. Remember, it's an offence not to stop at a patrol's signal.

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No frills make for a good ride in latest Suzuki Swift

By James Parker

When the first images of the new Swift were released, they weren't exactly met with a warm reception. To many, the character of the earlier models had been lost, leaving a rather sober-looking and soulless hatchback in their place.

The good news is that in the metal, the Swift is a car that quickly grows on you. The more time you spend with it, the more you come to like its new aesthetic. While it might not be sort of car that tugs on your heartstrings and inspires an overwhelming sense of desire when you first cast your eyes upon it, it's still an attractive little car.

If you were to sum the feel of the Swift's cabin up in one word, it would have to be 'unpretentious'. It's not the sort of car that's gunning for the position of best in class as far as its interior is concerned, which means you can forgive the abundance of scratchy plastics that are used throughout.

The Swift won't be the subject of many complaints as far as interior space is concerned – particularly in the front. Headroom is plentiful, and while the Suzuki is a fairly compact little car, it certainly doesn't feel cramped.

Family buyers will be pleased to hear that a similar theme continues in the back seats, too.

At 254 litres, boot space is hardly class leading, but it will easily swallow a couple of weekend bags and still leave a fair amount of space to spare.

Our test car featured Suzuki's 'mild hybrid' system, known as SHVS. This offers a slight – although barely noticeable – boost in performance over the regular engine, while fuel economy improves from 61.4mpg to 65.7mpg. CO2 emissions stand at 97g/km with SHVS, compared with the standard engine's 104g/km. While the Boosterjet is certainly a competent little motor, and does a good job of getting the Swift up to speed in a respectable fashion, under hard acceleration it does sound strained. A larger 1.2-litre four-cylinder engine is also available with the Swift. It produces 89bhp and 120Nm of torque for a 0-60mph time of 11.7 seconds.

While the Swift is by no means a hugely powerful car, thanks to its small size and the fact that it weighs just 840kg, on a windy road it feels like a little go-kart. The steering is light and allows you to point the Swift where you want with ease. Suzuki can consider the new Swift a job well done.



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Finely-honed cracker in latest Ibiza

By Ian Donaldson

Sometimes on a new car the bits you can't see are just as important as those you can.

The latest Ibiza from SEAT is a perfect example of the hidden world of what really matters in car design; the part that's counted in vast piles of pounds and euros to develop.

So, this new Ibiza from the arm of the VW Group that's finally making good on hopes for a profitable future is more than a stylish small family hatch.

For beneath the sharp suit sits (more or less) the same car that's coming at us in the months ahead as the new Audi A1, VW Polo and Skoda Fabia. SEAT's Spanish chest swells with the pride that they've got it first.

The new Ibiza is the fifth generation with that name and, with more than 5.4 million sold since 1984, comfortably the biggest selling model in SEAT's history.

The new one is going to have no problem swelling those sales figures as it takes on rivals like the new (and excellent) Ford Fiesta and still youthful Vauxhall Corsa. It might even rob sales from the forthcoming new small Audi A1, thinks SEAT.

Starting at £13,130, the new Ibiza comes only as a five-door hatch as demand for a three-door version of all small family cars continues to diminish. Current range topper is a new generously equipped XCELLENCE grade at £17,310.

There won't be an estate version, with SEAT's new small SUV Arona due in the winter to cater for those seeking extra space for people and things.

Like almost every new generation of car this latest Ibiza has gained in width (up 87mm) but is a mere 2mm longer and 1mm lower than before. Stretching front and rear wheels

60mm further apart means a bit more room for rear seat passengers and boot space is usefully increased by 63 litres to 355 litres.

It's a fact rarely quoted that buyers of new cars are rather more mature in years than the marketing department likes to talk about – often into their fifties – but SEAT says its Ibizas buck that figure with the youngest buyers of any supermini, and 10 years more youthful than average.

To these mature eyes the new Ibiza looks a finely honed cracker, its sharply drawn lines making the least expensive model look a more sporty drive than the 75 horsepower engine beneath the bonnet can deliver. SEAT won't mind that at all.

All new Ibizas currently share varying versions of VW's 1.0 litre three-cylinder petrol engine, in 75, 95 and 115 horsepower trim and with five-speed manual gearboxes for all but the most powerful-engined FR version, which gets six speeds. On the way is a diesel engine (1.6 litres and either 80 or 95 horsepower) and a seven-speed automatic gearbox option.

The least powerful Ibiza manages a gently lethargic 14.7 seconds to 62mph, a top speed of 104mph and average economy of 57.6mpg with 112g/km of CO2 from its tailpipe.

Things improve considerably with the 95 horsepower engine, surprisingly both on performance and economy and emissions. With a top speed of 113mph and 0-62mph in 10.9 seconds, the car is much more sprightly.

It also goes further on a gallon of unleaded – 60.1 miles officially, while putting out 106g/km of CO2. The most powerful (115 horsepower) engine manages an identical 60.1mpg but is quicker still (121mph, 9.3 seconds) and only a tiny bit more polluting, at 108g/km.

Standard kit on the entry level Ibiza S includes air conditioning, remote central



The Ibiza's sharply drawn lines make the least expensive model look a more sporty drive than the 75 bhp engine can deliver

locking, Bluetooth audio streaming, trip computer, Sins monochrome touchscreen and electrically adjustable door mirrors.

Move to SE trim (from £14,000) and you add alloy wheels, front fog lights, colour touchscreen, leather wrapped steering wheel, gear knob and handbrake and split-folding rear seats.

The FR trim line (from £16,015 includes larger alloys, DAB radio, sports suspension, cruise control, front sports seats, dark-tinted rear windows and 'FR' touches like a different rear bumper and flat-bottomed steering wheel.

New XCELLENCE trim cars (from £16,715) include alcantara (mock suede) and pseudo leather trim, rear electric windows, rear view camera, dual zone climate control, parking sensors all round and auto wipers and self-dimming interior mirror.

Key options include a clear and easily programmed satellite navigation system for £660.

Whichever version you try there will be a similar feel inside the car, with well fitted but hard plastic trim and an approach to the world of driving that prizes clarity and ease of use over glitz – thank goodness.

The new and expensively developed underpinnings have produced a car that's both comfortable and, even without the most powerful engine, a delight to drive.

The car's 95 horses brought broad grins on a challenging Welsh hill route on the press drive and more smiles at the 60mpg recorded while going gently or the 45mpg when in full-grown mode.

Most people take a new car on a finance deal these days. A 95 horsepower Ibiza in SE trim (£14,965 OTR) will cost £186.64 a month over four years with a £1,459.50 deposit on a PCP deal. Looks like a bargain.

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The resulting project has been named Hipercar - an acronym for High-Performance Carbon Reduction.

Power comes from four separate electric motors, with each producing 295bhp. These are fed from a 42kWh liquid-cooled battery mounted at the centre of the car. Ariel has made the

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Ariel will also be producing a two-wheel-drive version, though this will have a lower power output. However, both vehicles will feature the same turbine range extender which produces 35kW.

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'peace be thine'.

Service to be held on Tuesday,
September 12, at
11am, at Stile Cop Cemetery.

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PEARSE

Eric

Formerly of Lloyd Street.

Sadly passed away Thursday,
August 17, 2017.

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all of his Family and Friends.

Funeral Service Monday, Sep-
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Case Officer – R Sunter
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CH/17/236 - Residential Development comprising 125 No. dwellings including 25 No. affordable dwellings, open space and associated roads and parking - **AMENDED PLANS / DOCUMENTS**
Case Officer – H Antrobus
Location: Holme, Kingsley Wood Road, Rugeley.
CH/17/349 - Residential development: Demolition of existing dwellinghouse down to dpc level and erection of new dwellinghouse on same footprint but with raised eaves level and re-modelling of roofscape
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION ACCOMPANIED BY AN ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE)(ENGLAND) ORDER 2015 - ARTICLE 15 (3)

Application Number: SS.16/09/6088 MW

Mr K P Parnell - Application for determination of Scheme of Conditions under Environment Act 1995 - Periodic Review of Mineral Planning Permission (ROMP) SS.13/06/6088 MW at Hollybank Quarry, Essington.

The proposed development affects Public Footpath No. Saredon 12

Members of the public may view the submitted application, plans and other documents via the Staffordshire Planning web page www.staffordshire.gov.uk/planning ('Find a current application'). Members of the public may obtain copies of the ES from David L Walker Limited, Albion House, 89 Station Road, Eckington, Sheffield S21 4FW, so long as stocks last at a charge of £100.00. Anyone who wishes to make representations about this application should do so no later than 5 October 2017 by commenting on-line via the Staffordshire Planning web page; by emailing to planning@staffordshire.gov.uk; or by writing to Planning, Policy & Development Control, Staffordshire County Council, c/o 2 Staffordshire Place, Tipping Street, Stafford, ST16 2DH. Please note: all comments and representations received in writing will be taken into account and are open to be read by all.

Signed: Darryl Eysers on behalf of Staffordshire County Council

Date: 7 September 2017

LICENSING ACT 2003

An application has been made by Ziad Shakkio Bakr Qaidi, to the Licensing Unit of Cannock Chase District Council, for a premises licence in respect of premises to be known as; Sebastian Mini Market, 8 Queensway, Rugeley, Staffordshire WS15 1NN.

The application includes the following terms:

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Full details of the application may be viewed at the Licensing Unit, Cannock Chase District Council, PO Box 28, Civic Centre, Beecroft Road, Cannock, Staffordshire WS11 1BG, during normal office hours Monday to Friday.

(licensingunit@cannockchasedc.gov.uk)

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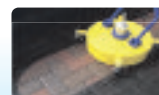
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MANNY ZABER and Jack Summers will renew acquaintances after the draw for Black Country Boxing's Super Series: The Super Featherweights was made.

Eight Midlands boxers will compete over three nights to be crowned the Midlands Area Super Featherweight Champion. Quarter-finals take place at Walsall Town Hall on Sunday, October 15, over six three-minute rounds.

Old Hill's Zaber and West Bromwich's Summers are both managed by BCB head of boxing, Errol Johnson, and have shared the ring countless times as sparring partners. Zaber boasts a superior record but Summers is a tough competitor who will be looking to cause an upset.

Chasetown's Luke Jones steps in with Leicester's Joe Ducker.

There's a Second City derby as Birmingham's Paul Holt meets fellow Brummie Waqas Mohammed, while former stablemates and fellow Tamworth residents Louis Fielding and Tamworth's Josh Baillie go head-to-head.

Players on oche for more Grand Slams

THERE will be, at least, another two Grand Slam of Darts at Wolverhampton Civic Hall after the PDC released their tournament calendar for 2018.

The competition will see its 10th anniversary at the Civic in the usual month of November and will also return next year.

Holder Michael Van Gerwen will be back for this year's Slam, from November 11-19. Six-time winner, 57-year-old Phil Taylor, will be featuring for the last time.

New sponsors have come on board to back the next two Grand Slams, Austrian-based betting company Bwin replacing Thai brewers Singha Beer.

Tipton's Jamie Hughes is on course to be the Black Country presence, due to his world ranking of No.3 with rival organisation the BDO. One player from the BDO will feature in each of the eight groups with those certain of their places being Glen Durrant and Danny Noppert, plus the Grand Slam debut of Peter Machin, 2017 World trophy winner.

The 2018 Grand Slam has been booked at the Civic for November 10-18.

£1m ex-Wolves star gives talk for hospice

BRITAIN'S first £1m player, former Wolves player Steve Daley, will be giving a talk this month to raise money for a hospice.

The Sportsman's Supper, with fish and chips, takes place on September 22 from 6.30pm, at Stafford Rangers Football Club, Marston Road, on the Astonfields Industrial Estate. It has been organised by Katharine House Hospice in Stafford.

Guests will be able to enjoy dinner while the former footballer talks about his life and career journey which started when he was 15 years old.

Daley joined Wolves as an apprentice and signed as a professional in 1971, making his debut as a substitute in a 4-2 win over Nottingham Forest in September that year. He played more than 200 times for Wolves before moving to Manchester City for a then British record transfer fee of £1.4m in 1979. Two years later he crossed the Atlantic to play in America.

Tickets for the night can be bought for £15 per person at <https://www.khhospice.org.uk/product/kick-katharine-evening-event>



Former footballers Tony Daley, Chris Marsh and Peter Bodak



Chris Marsh, Chris Nicholl, Wayne Thomas and Ray Graydon

Phoenix rise to occasion against old favourites

SPORTING FEATURE

By Joseph Masi

A HOST of football favourites rolled back the years in an exhibition match to raise money for grassroots football.

Stars including Don Goodman, Martin O'Connor, Tony Daley, Lee Naylor and James Chambers were all in attendance as a Midland Ace Legends side played out a 3-2 thriller with Walsall Phoenix Veterans.

The event was held to raise funds for Phoenix, who ply their trade in the Staffordshire County Senior League Premier Division.

In glorious sunshine at Aldridge Cricket Club, more than 1,500 people packed in to watch the game and enjoy a host of other attractions including live music, food stalls, bouncy castles, inflatable games and a licensed bar. There was also a 20-team football tournament with junior sides from across the region.

Walsall heroes Ray Graydon and Chris Nicholl took charge of the Midlands Ace Legends' side.

Delighted

But the managerial greats couldn't add another win to their glittering CVs – with Phoenix running out victors.

Their boss, Tom Revitt, admitted he was delighted with how the day went. "It was absolutely great for our lads to play against some big names," he said.

"To share a pitch with someone like Don Goodman is great for people, like me, who have always enjoyed playing lower league football.

"We had a great turnout, more than 1,500. And what was nice is that football was only half the day. We had live bands, plenty of entertainment for children and a junior football tournament as well.

"It took a lot of work but it's crucial we hold events like this.

"As a club we have got 25 teams now and the cost to run them last year was £60,000. We don't have the



The two teams line up ahead of the charity football match, Walsall Phoenix Veterans are in red and the Midland Ace Legends in blue

opportunity to bring in big money through sponsorship – although some of the local businesses do help.

"This event will prove a huge benefit for us in terms of raising money to keep paying those running costs. We hope it will be the first of many."

The Midlands Ace Legends side had been put together by former Walsall midfielder Wayne Thomas. He is now hoping to hold more fundraising matches with other grassroots sides, as well as charities, across the region.

"We put together the Midlands Ace Legends because at charity days or fundraisers there is an appeal to have players who have played for different clubs across the region," Thomas said.

"Chris Marsh is a very good friend of mine and has a lot of contacts.

"We put this side together so when people ask about fundraising days we can cater for all football fans in the West Midlands.

"We had a lovely day, a great turnout and hopefully we'll be able to support other clubs and charities in

the future." Arguably the biggest draw on the day was former Saddlers boss Graydon, who twice won promotion during his time in charge at the Banks's Stadium.

The former Villa winger also netted the winning goal in the 1975 League Cup final.

And the 70-year-old, who now lives in Hampshire, admitted he thoroughly enjoyed being back in the Midlands.

"It was fantastic for me to be back around supporters of Walsall," he said. "I absolutely loved it. I wanted to come back because I think events like this are so important.

"It costs an awful lot of money to run a football club, just to keeping going, so I'm very happy to help."

Spectator Maurice Walsh, from Bloxwich, said everyone enjoyed the day.

"I really enjoyed it and it was great to get autographs from the ex-pros," he said. "I think having a Midlands Ace Legends side is a very good way to raise money for grassroots football."

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On collision course with the leaders

Cannock 1sts (212-6) beat Aldridge (144) by 68 runs

CANNOCK have still not given up on the Staffs Clubs Premier League title. After a comfortable win over Aldridge, Will Fleet's side lie in second place with two games to go, some 34 points adrift of leaders Pelsall – and the two are on collision course this weekend.

And Cannock make the short journey on Saturday buoyed by their fifth successive win. Skipper Fleet was one of the big-hitters at Chase Park, knocking 73, with support from New Zealander Nick Trebilcock on 43, as the hosts racked up 212-6 from their 50 overs.

But it was the bowling of Matt Robinson that blitzed the opposition, returning 7-30 from 15 overs, to help skittle Aldridge out for 144.

Aldridge 2nd XI (185) beat Cannock 2nd XI (180) by five runs

IT was a closer affair for the second XI, who fell short by five runs.

After winning the toss and electing to field, Cannock's John Cooke got to work, dismissing eight Aldridge batsmen for 44 as the hosts were bowled out for 185 in 43.4 overs. Wicketkeeper Ryan Peach top-scored in the reply, run out on 66.

Fordhouses 3rd XI (242-9) beat Cannock 3rd XI (179) by 63 runs

ROHIT Khanna (85) and Kathryn Whyte (53) were among the runs as the hosts, put in, made 242-9. Tom Hinks was the pick of the Cannock bowlers, with 3-74.

Stephen Mundy replied with a five-wicket haul as Cannock were dismissed for 179 in 45 overs.

Hawks remain in contention for a promotion place

C&R Hawks remain in the battle for promotion from the Birmingham League Division Two. Omar Ali hit 112 in their 267-8 against Wombourne. Kabir Ali took 3-33 in Wombourne's 139.

Penkridge moved away from the drop zone with a three-wicket win over relegated Old Hill, who scored 214-8. In reply, two former Old Hill players – Attiq Chishti (60no) and Mohammed Ishtiaq (41) – led Penkridge home.

Penn were singing the Blews after losing to Hammerwich in the Staffs Clubs Premier Division. Stephen Blews took 3-30 to help bowl out Penn for 146 and was unbeaten on 37 as the target was reached with five wickets down.

Whittington's Jono Allcock and Matt Stone took three wickets each to help dismiss Walsall YPF for 138 and the target was reached with two wickets left. Muhammad Sultan's 8-20 was in vain for Rugeley as Beacon, who scored 147, won by 12 runs. Brett Savory hit a tasty 115 as Armitage racked up 241-3 against Lichfield thirds who were dismissed in reply for 79. Both Emil Gibbons and Darren Clews took five wickets.

Scholars take Mikes to the cleaners



Muzzy Nduna makes it 3-0 to the Scholars

Boldmere St Michaels 0 Chasetown 3

CHASETOWN made light work of their Midland League opponents to progress in the Emirates FA Cup and will play Cadbury Heath at home in the next qualifying round.

The Scholars made the better start and went close in the opening 15 minutes with a Muzzy Nduna header inches wide of the upright.

Chasetown's No.9 again looked likely to open the deadlock with a low drive that spun off the defender and agonisingly wide of Lewis Fenney's

post. The Scholars finally broke through seven minutes before half-time as Will Whieldon tried his luck from 25 yards and the shot flew beyond the dive of the Boldmere keeper.

Chasetown doubled their lead in first-half stoppage time. Chris Baker headed into the path of Nduna, whose first effort was saved by Fenney, but he tapped home the rebound.

The third was no surprise when it came. George Cater crossed from the right wing and Nduna guided a volley home from six yards.

IT'S A DODD-LE FOR GLASSBOYS

Stourbridge 2 Hednesford 0

A GOAL in either half saw off Hednesford Town at the War Memorial Ground on Monday night.

Matt Dodd, who left Hednesford last week, was back at Stourbridge and was in the starting XI against his previous employers.

He was outstanding throughout and behind a lot of Stourbridge's attacking play, providing a chance for Josh Green on 15 minutes with a great cross, but it went wide.

Jordan Archer scored a cracking opener on 32 with a great drive from 20 yards that shaved the post before it went in.

Ryan Rowe had the ball in the net just before the break but it was ruled out for offside. But Rowe did get on the scoresheet on 64 minutes when he got a touch to a Jack Duggan header which was going in.

Boston Town 2 Hednesford Town 0

HEDNESFORD were unceremoniously dumped out of the FA Cup at the first qualifying round stage on Saturday by a Boston Town side that play two divisions below The Pitmen.

It was the second successive season the Pitmen have been dumped out at the first hurdle.

The hosts – who play in the United Counties League Premier Division, equivalent to the Midland Premier – are yet to win a league game this season, but had already progressed through two FA Cup ties.

Hednesford were behind after just five minutes, Fraser Bayliss netting from a cross from the right. Boston added a second after 26 minutes, Simon Ashton smashing home.

The Pitmen were unable to break down the Boston defence to create any real chances.

Tyler Lyttle and Chekaine Steele have joined The Pitmen, while Lee Smith has left after finding first team chances limited. The Pitmen are at home to Sutton Coldfield Town on Saturday, kick off at 3pm.



Hednesford press for a way back into last weekend's FA Cup tie:

Picture: Colin Rogers

Comfortable progression for Burntwood

Burntwood 57 Trentham 7

BURNWOOD opened the season with a comfortable win to progress to the semi-final of the Staffs Intermediate Trophy.

The hosts ran in eight tries including three from Neil Holden. Aza Dunet also crossed for a try to add to his seven conversions

and a penalty goal for a personal tally of 22 points. A minute's applause was held beforehand to mark the passing of long-time supporter John Prosser.

The 2nd XV came off second best against Tamworth, but highlights included a try for Craig Addy and a cameo perfor-

mance from Cliff Prosser on an emotional day for himself and his family members.

On Saturday the league starts with the firsts at home to Uttoxeter, a trip to Longton for the seconds and the colts welcome Pinley – all at 3pm, all followed by Last Night of the Proms.

Results are encouraging in friendlies

TWELVE top teams battled it out for the Cannock Cup at Cannock Hockey Club last weekend.

Premier League Beeston retained the trophy but there was plenty to be hopeful about for Cannock who beat both Preston and Harleston Magpies 2-1.

With the league season edging closer, the men's section enjoyed friendlies against Old Halesonians.

First up was a joint 4/5th team who played against the hosts' 2nd XI. A young Cannock team found themselves chasing the game and were condemned to a 7-1 defeat.

A combined 2nd/3rds XI faced Old Halesonians firsts. Cannock arrived only minutes before pushback due to heavy traffic and stared slowly, trailing 2-0 at the break.

Both sides tired and the game stretched out, but Cannock recovered to draw 2-2 thanks to a Danny Swinerton-Ions double.

Cannock Ladies 2nds were three goals down with half an hour to go in a friendly against Harborne first XI, who play in the division above.

But they staged a creditable comeback to lose by the odd goal. Two penalty corners in quick succession led to goals from Holly Turnbull and a nifty deflection from Nic George.

Leaders snatch late win against Hayes

Studley 1 Heath Hayes 0

HEATH Hayes will be disappointed to come back from the league leaders with nothing to show from a spirited performance. Both sides had ample chances but found them difficult to put away.

For Hayes, Jack Weldon headed over in the first half and they were unable to find the net in the second half before Studley netted three minutes from time.

On Saturday, Hayes are away to Coton Green from Tamworth in the FA Vase.

Hat-trick grants points

Cannock Utd 6 AFC Fenton 2

GRANT McCarty notched a hat-trick on his first start of the season.

His replacement as a sub, Alex Scott, scored with his first touch, while Joe Taylor scored his fourth in four games. Todd Curtiss topped off Cannock's goals.

United make the return visit for the Staffs Challenge Cup on September 23.

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